



SPEE Annual Meeting
June 5-8, 2010
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



Located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, Victoria continues to exude the charm of its British Heritage. Founded in 1843, Victoria has progressed to become the capital city of British Columbia, a city with a population of about 80,000. Part of the Pacific Northwest it has a temperate climate, and in June the average day time temperatures are 19° C while at night you may expect 9° C.

The 47th Annual Meeting of SPEE will take place at the beautiful Fairmont Express (www.fairmont.com/empress) which is located on the Inner Harbour, next door to the Provincial Parliament Buildings. There is a beautiful pathway system around the harbor and many quaint and interesting shops and restaurants nearby. It is an easy 40 minute drive from the airport (near Sidney) or vehicle/passenger ferry at Swartz's Bay. From the airport, rent a car, take a taxi (approximately \$40 to the hotel) or catch the shuttle (approximately \$17 one way). For our US members, I expect you will route through Seattle or Vancouver where either Horizon Air or Air Canada offer service for the short flight to the island. There is also passenger ferry service from Anacortes. I recommend you check/confirm your routing early. The use of a car is recommended to see the hearby attractions or extend your trip and go up-island or to the many adjacent islands. There is much to do and see.

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As with past Annual Meetings, there will be two short courses offered on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Saturday course will show case the expertise and knowledge of our SPEE members who have been creating the SPEE Monograph 3, Guidelines for the Evaluation of Resources Plays. On Sunday, experts from the Petroleum Service Industry will explain the importance of the correct completion and testing techniques in unconventional reservoirs.

The Monday and Tuesday technical sessions will explore recent developments in unconventional gas reservoirs, activities in the Arctic, a panel discussion on SEC Final Rule implementation, and a comparison of COGEH, PRMS, and UN evaluation guidance. This will be an opportunity to accumulate personal development hours and ethics compliance, plus a great opportunity to network with your peers.

Complementing this will be several events for spouses to enjoy (history of the Empress, cooking demo, wine tasting, and more). On Saturday afternoon the golfers will once again take to the links at the beautiful Olympic View Golf Club (www.golfbc.com/courses/olympic_view). On Monday afternoon the horticulturalists may wish to visit the gorgeous Butchart Gardens (transport will be provided) while the more adventuresome may choose to go on a marine life/whale watching tour.

Watch for your registration package arriving soon in your mailbox, and I encourage early registration. Also remember the Annual Meeting is open to non-members. Extend the invitation to attend to that colleague you have been encouraging to join the SPEE. I feel certain the Annual Meeting will seal the deal!

If you wish to book your hotel room you're welcome to go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/petroleum>. The room of choice SPEE contracted for is the Fairmont, \$199 per day plus tax, however you are welcome to upgrade if you wish. You are also welcome to use the dedicated reservation phone line for the event, 1-250-384-8111. Also, we have attached an e-mail kindly prepared by John Wright that may help you with your travel plans.

I look forward to seeing you in beautiful Victoria.

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