



## Chairman's Column

Last month, at our “no speaker” lunch, we had 28 members and guests. For some reason, this was slightly less than usual for this meeting.

This month we have a very special speaker in **John Dribus**, who is the Global Geosciences Advisor for Schlumberger. John gives talks on various energy related subjects worldwide.

Although we lost some members last year, we gained nine new members. Eric has several applications pending and believes we may sign up 10-15 new members this year.

Dues notices for the spring period have gone out and will be delinquent January 17. Remember we have a “new sheriff in town”, so make sure you send in your dues on time.

We have made a donation of \$500 to the SIPES Foundation in memory of John Harlan and Frank Rodgers.

Although we have a “tentative” speaker for February, suggestions for speakers are always welcome!

*Louis E. Lemarié*



# New Orleans Chapter Newsletter

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An Examination of the Geology of the  
Deep Water Play in the Southern Gulf of Mexico

## John R. Dribus

Global Geosciences Advisor for  
Schlumberger Oil Field Services



**Tuesday, January 17th**

**Andrea's - Metairie**

**Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM**

**Lunch and Talk - Noon**

**Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466**

**John Dribus** is the Global Geosciences Advisor for Schlumberger Oil Field Services. He is a Reservoir Geologist with over 40 years' experience, and has worked all aspects of petroleum exploration, exploitation, and production geology. He worked five years as a uranium field geologist, and then 20 years for Mobil Oil as a petroleum geologist, including 14 years working the deep water Gulf of Mexico.

He has worked the past 15 years for Schlumberger as Gulf of Mexico Data and Consulting Services Manager, and as the Global Geologic Advisor for exploration and deep water projects. He has worked deep water basins of the of the Atlantic Margin from Western Greenland and Newfoundland, down to Equatorial South America, the Brazil pre-salt play in Santos and Campos Basins, and the Malvinas/Falkland Island Basins, and across to South Africa, up to Angola presalt, Gabon clastic presalt, Ghana Jubilee turbidite play, Liberia and Sierra Leon turbidites, Mauritania/Senegal turbidites, and the Black Sea, and the Red Sea. His primary focus has been on understanding the petroleum system characteristics of fan and channelized turbidites, and pre-salt and subsalt carbonate reservoirs. *(continued next page)*

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He is the former Chairman of the Advisory Board of the American Petroleum Institute (API) Delta Chapter, serves on the Imperial Barrel Award Committee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and is a member of the AAPG (30 years), New Orleans Geological Society (NOGS), Houston Geological Society (HGS), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE).

In 2013, he was recognized by the SPE with the Eastern North America Region Reservoir Description and Dynamics Award. In 2014, he was an invited speaker at the AAPG Discovery Thinking Forum and Playmaker Forum, and received the Meritorious Service Award from the API, Delta Section.

**Abstract:** An Examination of the Geology of the Deep Water Play in the Southern Gulf of Mexico. This talk focusses on the exploration history and geology of the deep water plays offshore Mexico. Recently, Mexico has opened up its underexplored deep water areas in the Perdido Fold Belt, adjacent Sub-salt Fold Belt, and southern Campeche Province, west of the Cantarel complex. The talk begins with an overview of the creation of the Gulf of Mexico, and then walks upward through the stratigraphic column looking at key source and reservoir rocks in the DW petroleum system. Using examples from Lower Tertiary discoveries in the north, and more recent wells drilled in Mexican deep waters, critical reservoir properties and challenges are reviewed. Then, the potential carbonate reservoirs are also briefly examined. The talk is concluded by a quick overview of drilling challenges that may be encountered on the deep sea floor, and around the salt canopies present in the north and south.





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