



CONNECTING TOGETHER

Welcome to the September 2017 edition of *Connecting Together* where we share some of PPDM's latest activities that may interest your members.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

- Certified Petroleum Data Analyst (CPDA)
 - Now accepting applications for the 2018 exams.
 - www.ppdm.org/certification
- 2017 Denver Data Management Workshop – October 18, 2017
 - Register now!
 - www.ppdm.org/denverdmw17
- 2017 Calgary Data Management Symposium, Tradeshow & AGM – October 23-25, 2017
 - Now accepting sponsors and registrations.
 - www.ppdm.org/calgarydms17
- 2018 Houston Professional Petroleum Data Expo – April 17 & 18, 2018
 - Now accepting abstracts, sponsors and registrations.
 - www.ppdm.org/HExpo18

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

We are excited to have some amazing events coming. Our Denver Workshop has a great agenda filled with panel discussions, training and break-out sessions designed to interest a wide range of people.

Registration is only \$50 for members and includes all the sessions and meals.

Our Calgary Data Management Symposium, Tradeshow & AGM is seeing a shift towards a more interactive agenda, and includes some excellent networking opportunities.

We are also excited to announce that in April 2018 we will be hosting our first Houston Professional Petroleum Data Expo, which will feature 5 different stages, an exhibitor hall, networking activities, and so much more. This event will be inexpensive to attend - We are now accepting abstracts to be a part of this event and we would love to partner with organizations like yours to share in the excitement!

VOLUNTEER TIPS

Volunteers are the lifeblood of a non-profit organization, and PPDM is no exception. With more than 190 volunteers, we are dependent on our dedicated troops to help us realize our vision. Here are a few more tips we've picked up along the way to keep our volunteers happy and coming back for more...

1. **Create a fun experience.** We're not talking waterslide fun, but creating an atmosphere that is enjoyable. A dose of humor won't go astray.
2. **Celebrate accomplishments.** When your volunteers meet a goal or complete a project, go above and beyond to celebrate. For local or regional teams, a gettogether for a celebratory beverage may be in order. If you have a global team, a thank you message, copying the CEO and key Board Members, would draw attention to the work of the committee or group.
3. **Thank them often.** It's critical to demonstrate your appreciation for your volunteer's time, effort and energy. A simple "Thank You" goes a long way. Get in the habit of thanking your people, and mean it!

YOUR EVENTS

Remember, PPDM can post our not-for-profit partner's events on our website. Simply email the details to events@ppdm.org!

FOUNDATIONS JOURNAL

Volume 4, Issue 2 of our Foundations Journal will be coming out soon. If you need copies of this popular Journal for your events, please let us know!

The Professional Petroleum Data Management Association (PPDM) is the not for profit, global society that enables the development of professional data managers, engages them in community, and endorses a collective body of knowledge for data management across the oil and gas industry.

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