Welcome to the January 2018 edition of Connecting Together where we share some of PPDM’s latest activities that may interest your members.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES**

- **January 22-23** – Woodlands Public Training
  - [www.ppdm.org/training](http://www.ppdm.org/training)
- **January 24-26** – Houston Public Training
  - [www.ppdm.org/training](http://www.ppdm.org/training)
- **March 7, 2018** – Certified Petroleum Data Analyst Exam
  - Deadline for Applications: **January 24**
  - [www.ppdm.org/certification](http://www.ppdm.org/certification)
- **2018 Houston Professional Petroleum Data Expo** – April 17 & 18, 2018
  - Now accepting abstracts, sponsors, exhibitors and registrations.
  - [www.ppdm.org/HExpo18](http://www.ppdm.org/HExpo18)
- **Oklahoma City Data Management Workshop** – June 5, 2018
  - [www.ppdm.org/events](http://www.ppdm.org/events)
- **Perth Data Management Workshop** – August 9, 2018
  - [www.ppdm.org/events](http://www.ppdm.org/events)

**HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL PETROLEUM DATA EXPO**

As you may have seen back in September, we were excited to announce we will be hosting our first Houston Professional Petroleum Data Expo in April 2018. This event is a real departure from our traditional format and will feature five different stages, an exhibitor hall, networking activities, and so much more. We’re offering a deeply discounted rate to attend, and we are looking to partner with organizations to spread the word to bring more folks together. These partnerships don’t have to be monetary in nature, but can include discounts for your members, exhibitor booths, and more. Please contact [events@ppdm.org](mailto:events@ppdm.org) if you’d like to be a part of this unique PPDM event.

**HOUSTON & WOODLANDS TRAINING**

We will be hosting training sessions in the Woodlands and Houston January 22-26, 2018. The slate of courses includes What is a Well, Well Status and Classification, and Business Life Cycle of the Well, along with several PPDM 3.9 courses. The first four are courses that every petroleum industry worker would benefit from - you don’t have to be a data manager to gain a deeper understanding of the business of oil and gas through these courses. For the more technically-minded, PPDM 3.9 courses will arm your people immediately to work within the PPDM Data Model, saving you months or even years of effort.

Courses will be delivered by PPDM Senior Instructor and Master Data Guru Pat Rhynes, who has more than 35 years in the petroleum industry. Please visit [www.ppdm.org/training](http://www.ppdm.org/training) to learn more and to register now.

**WHAT IS A COMPLETION**

The 'What Is A Completion’ Work Group kicked off in September 2016 with the deliverable of creating a baseline to disambiguate between the different possible definitions and elements for a completion, for communication, comparison or translation purposes. The Work Group created resources that address these facets’ relationship to the life cycle, how the facets relate to each other, and instance management. We are currently looking for Sponsors to help this Work Group complete their final efforts and deliverables before it’s released for review. Interested sponsors should contact [projects@ppdm.org](mailto:projects@ppdm.org).

**YOUR EVENTS**

Remember, PPDM can post our not-for-profit partner’s events on our website. Simply email the details to [events@ppdm.org](mailto:events@ppdm.org)!

*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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