



Webmaster Update

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 - Wellbore Placement
 - Anti-Collision
 - Oil and Gas Drilling Project Risk Management



Greetings from the Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore Survey Accuracy (ISCWSA), affiliated with the SPE Wellbore Positioning Technical Section

The 45th general meeting of the ISCWSA will be held in the World Forum venue, Churchillplein 10, 2517 JW, The Hague, The Netherlands. The meeting is held in conjunction with the SPE/IADC Drilling Conference and exhibition which is hosted by the same venue. Please click on this link to register online.

The main meeting will be held on Friday, March 17th, with sub-committee meetings held March 15th and 16th. If you are a member of a sub-committee, we will be grateful if you can plan to attend. If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact the sub-committee chairperson. A contact list is available on the ISCWSA sub-committee tab.

If you or your organization can offer sponsorship for portions of the meetings (such as coffee breaks, lunches, meeting rooms etc.), please contact Son Pham, ISCWSA Chairperson. We are indebted to the many past sponsors who have contributed to sustain our technical community work which has been running for over 20 years and we look forward to continuing our good work for many years to come.

Best Regards,
The ISCWSA Committee



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The Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore Survey Accuracy

MISSION -

"The primary aim of this group is to produce and maintain standards for the industry relating to wellbore survey accuracy. To set standards for terminology and accuracy specifications. Establish a standard framework for modelling and validation of tool performance. Raise awareness & understanding of wellbore survey accuracy issues across the industry."

ABOUT -

The ISCWSA work has resulted in the publication of technical papers, leading technical work shops, multiple SPE "Hits and Misses" workshops, the Wellbore Positioning e-book and the soon the standardised anti-collision papers and API project. We have comprehensive cross-industry representation with regular attendance from a wide variety of service companies, operators, and consultants, academia and software companies.

The Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore Survey Accuracy was founded to dispel the confusion and secrecy commonly associated with wellbore surveying and to enable the industry to produce consistent, reliable estimates of survey-tool performance in today's wells. We achieve these goals through the production and maintenance of standards covering the construction and validation of tool error models.

Work focused initially on MWD systems. They provide a large proportion of the total directional survey data world-wide and, because of their similarities between suppliers, are more amenable to specification standardisation than other types of survey tool.

There is no formal membership enrolment to join the ISCWSA and its meetings are open to all who wish to attend. The committee generally holds twice yearly meetings and has held 44 meetings internationally to date. The ISCWSA is also affiliated with the Society of Petroleum Engineers, as the SPE Wellbore Positioning Technical Section.

ISCWSA Elected Committee Members -

- Son Pham, Conoco Phillips: Chair Person
- Jonathan Lightfoot, Occidental Oil and Gas Corporation: Program Chair
- Chad Hanak, SuperiorQC: Secretary
- Robert Wylie, Independent: Treasurer
- Phil Harbidge, Schlumberger: Webmaster
- Steve Sawaryn, Independent: Collision Avoidance Chair
- Andy McGregor, Tech21: Director at large and Error Model Chair
- Ludovic Macresy, Pathcontrol: Director at large
- Anas SIKAL, Pathcontrol: Director at large
- Carol Mann, Dynamic Graphics Inc: Director at large
- Steve Mullin, Independent: Education Chair

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Note: The ISCWSA does not approve tool error models for supplier specific survey tools.

More information on the ISCWSA may be obtained from the ISCWSA Committee Chair Person;

Son Pham - Chairperson



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ISCWSA Sub-Committees

- ▶ Collision Avoidance Sub-Committee
- ▶ Education Sub-Committee
- ▶ Error Model Sub-Committee
- ▶ Operator's Wellbore Survey Group Sub-Committee
- ▶ Well Intercept Sub-Committee
- ▶ Survey QA/QC Sub-Committee

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If you are interested in joining the Education Sub-committee please contact the [Chairperson](#)

The role of the ISCWSA Error Model Maintenance Group is to define the mathematical framework for modelling the uncertainty in wellbore surveying. This allows different companies to implement a consistent set of algorithms for error modelling.

In general, the ISCWSA does not define or supply the detailed magnitudes (or error models, tool codes or IPM files) for a particular survey tool. It is our position that the tool provider is the one who is best placed to assess the uncertainty when using their equipment. Therefore users should request tool codes from their tool provider.

The ISCWSA does not supply, check, certify or warrant the error models created by tool providers. However, the ISCWSA has specified a generic MWD tool error model. It comes in eight variants for the various combinations of:

- i) standard MWD or axially (short collar) corrected surveys
- ii) from a fixed or floating platform
- iii) with or without sag correction

There have been several revisions of these models and we are now at [Rev4 05Jun 2015, details of the ISCWSA MWD Error Models up to Rev4 05Jun 2015](#).

These are generic tool codes and it is up to users and tool providers to ensure that these models correctly match their situation. Like any error model, the generic MWD model makes several assumptions about tool spec, running procedures and processing standards that must be met for the model to be valid for its application to any particular survey log.

The fact that the ISCWSA provides these does not mean that users are forced to use them, that ISCWSA has defined minimum survey requirements, or that tools must be run in this manner. The principle is that any error model applied should correctly match how the tool was used and how it can be expected to perform.

As a separate initiative, the Operators Survey Work Group (OSWG) provides a more complete set of tool codes covering many wellbore survey situations

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- ▶ **ISCWSA SPE Technical Section Constitution**
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- ▶ **Error Model Sub-Committee**

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▼ [Collision Avoidance Sub-Committee](#)

[Fundamentals of Successful Well Collision Avoidance Management Released 8 Jan 14](#)

[Recommendation Against Minimum Allowable Separation Distance \(MASD\) Dispensation for HSE Risk Wells \(Jan-2014\)](#)

[Standard set of wellpaths for evaluating clearance scenarios 5 Nov 13](#)

[Current Common Practice in Collision Avoidance Calculations Oct 2013](#)

[Collision Avoidance Lexicon 2011 English](#)

[Collision Avoidance Lexicon 2011 Chinese](#)

[Current Common Practice in Collision Avoidance Calculations 2011 Chinese](#)

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[IADC1997_Torkildsen_General_error_model](#)

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March 17th, 2017
The Hague, The Netherlands

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- Sustainable Development
- Water Handling and Management
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The Hague, The Netherlands

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