



# "Gustavo Sclocchi" Thesis Awards 2008

for Doctors of Philosophy and University Graduates  
in Petroleum Engineering, Geo-Sciences and  
other disciplines related to the Oil & Gas Industry

1. In order to encourage and reward university graduates who specialise in petroleum engineering, geo-sciences and other disciplines related to the oil & gas industry, the SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers - Italian Section), the EAGE (European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers) and Assomineraria (Associazione Mineraria Italiana - Hydrocarbon and Geothermal Sector) are pleased to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> Thesis Award.
2. All university graduates from Italian universities and Italian nationals graduated abroad, who will complete their studies or research in the period September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 to October 31<sup>th</sup> 2008, are entitled to submit their published thesis for the award.
3. The theses must cover subjects related to Hydrocarbon and Geothermal Exploration & Production activities:

**Geology, Geophysics and Formation Evaluation**  
**Drilling and Completion**  
**Reservoir Engineering**  
**Production and Transport**  
**Health, Safety and Environment**  
**Energy Economics**

4. The instructions for participation in the contest are detailed in the "Thesis Award" section of [www.speitaly.org](http://www.speitaly.org). Candidates must comply with the following deadlines:

**Contact Information and Abstract – deadline September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Complete electronic copy of the thesis – deadline October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Graduation Certificate – before the Award Ceremony which will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>**

5. Any questions can be addressed to:  
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6. The Board of Directors of the SPE Italian Section, the Board of the EAGE-SEG Italian Section and the Board of Directors of Assomineraria jointly appoint the Evaluation Committee, which is composed of experts in the above-mentioned disciplines. The Evaluation Committee shall select the theses considered to be the most worthy of receiving the Award. Its decision is final and is not subject to appeal.
7. **The prize for each winning thesis will be 2,400€ (twenty four hundred euros).** Moreover, a reference of each award-winning thesis will be published in the «SPE Bulletin» of the Italian Section, in the «EAGE First Break» and in the «Assomin Bulletin». The Award ceremony will take place on December, 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 in San Donato Milanese (Italy).

**SPE**  
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## Documents to be submitted

In order to participate to the contest, **ALL the following information must be submitted to the reference person [gianpaolo.borghini@eni.it](mailto:gianpaolo.borghini@eni.it):**

### **NOT LATER SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

- a. Contact information  
email address  
telephone number (if available, mobile number)  
home address
- b. Thesis Degree (Master, Laurea Magistrale, PhD, etc.) and Title (in English and, if suitable, Italian)
- c. Abstract of the thesis (two pages max, in English or Italian following the enclosed Guidelines)
- d. Reference for the Dean of the Faculty (email and post address)  
Reference for the assisting professors (email and post address)

### **NOT LATER OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

- e. Complete electronic copy of the thesis, in English or Italian, (accepted formats: MS Word and Acrobat)

### **BEFORE CEREMONY – DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

- f. Document attesting the date and place of graduation – by fax +39 02 52059038 before the Award Ceremony

**It must be noticed that Abstracts have significant impact on the evaluation process, so that a careful and accurate writing contributes to the thesis appreciation.**

## Guidelines for the preparation of the Thesis Abstract

Your thesis abstract should contain approximately 400 - 600 words and enough information to allow the Evaluation Committee to make an accurate judgment of the content of your thesis.

The text of the Abstract should be organized along the following lines:

1. **Problem Statement:** your Thesis Abstract should state briefly the problem you intend to address.
2. **Objectives and Scope of the Study:** state the objectives of the study clearly, outline the scope and limitations of your work and point out the aspects that have not been well understood yet, which may require further studies.
3. **Methodology:** state briefly the approach upon which the thesis is based (e.g., field data, laboratory data, original analysis, or computer work) and how the work has been organized.
4. **Results and Observations:** give the major results or findings of the study.
5. **Usefulness and Applications:** describe the possible applications or the implications of the knowledge provided in the thesis.
6. **Innovations or Technical Contributions:** state what is new in your study and its importance to the oilfield and list up the most important innovations or technical contributions in your thesis to the technical knowledge base of the petroleum industry.