

Thomas O'Connor, MS

AFFILIATE SCIENTIST



Experience

Thomas O'Connor served as acting Chief Executive Officer of Kuwaiti Natural Gas and Oil Company in Cairo (June/July 2009) and for five years was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Benchmark Oil & Gas AB, a Swedish international company publicly traded on the Swedish Stock Exchange. He is an Adjunct Professor at both the George Washington School of Political Management in Washington, DC and Imperial College's Royal School of Mines in London. Mr. O'Connor has worked in the exploration and development of the Southern North Sea gas province during its initial construction phase.

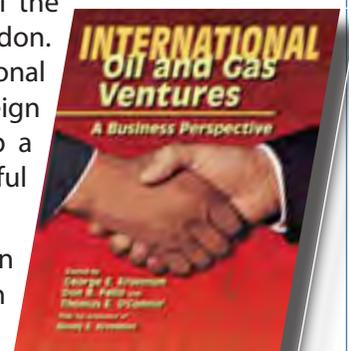
Additionally, he was responsible for Amoco's European New Ventures for four years. Mr. O'Connor was Amoco's Chief Geologist for Egypt during the company's major expansion phase and also served as Aminoil's Vice President, managing the company's existing production portfolio in the North Sea and Argentina and greatly expanding its exploration activities in Egypt, Trinidad, Argentina, and Indonesia. As the Principal Petroleum Engineer at the World Bank for 14 years, he was deeply involved in the exploration promotion of many countries in Latin America, sub Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, and Bangladesh. After the World Bank, Mr. O'Connor worked as an international petroleum management advisor, developing significant experience in the Gulf of Guinea, the Caspian Sea, Central Asia, Afghanistan, and North and East Africa. Currently Mr. O'Connor is an International Petroleum Management Advisor (Thomas E. O'Connor, Inc.) and Petroleum Strategic Adviser for Deloitte Consulting LLP on the USAID-Funded Economic Governance Project in South Sudan (EGPSS) to the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining.

Training the National Oil Companies

The role of National Oil Companies around the world is rapidly changing and many of them have requested formalized assistance in defining what these roles should be, especially the issue of moving outside of their home country. A number of these companies are associated with EGI and the creation of formalized training programs is ongoing.

Mr. O'Connor has for the past six years taught the first two modules of a purpose designed nine month training course for Sinopec, one of the three Chinese NOCs through Imperial College in London. These modules have dealt with the history of the international petroleum industry and working and surviving in a foreign environment. The Kazkh NOC has requested he develop a specialized training program focusing on how other successful NOCs are managed.

Mr. O'Connor has assisted EGI CAs by training the Ethiopian Cabinet in 2011 about the fundamentals of the petroleum business. He is also the author of AAPG Special Publication: International Oil and Gas Ventures: A Business Perspective.



Research Interests

- Basin and Regional studies
- Project design and implementation
- Government energy policies
- Interface between government policy and oil company contractual aspirations
- Egypt and the Gulf of Suez
- Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
- East Africa passive margin
- Sub-Andean basins
- Caspian Sea
- North Sea

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