



ASPO-USA Peak Oil Conference in Denver October 10-13; Get discounted rates this week

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In case some folks didn't see this post when it was up on Friday.

This year's ASPO-USA Conference looks interesting. It is set in Denver and has the theme [System Reset: Global Energy and the New Economy](#).

Activities are spread over four days. On the **Saturday** before the conference, there is a separate pre-session called **Survive and Thrive after Peak Oil: Creating Personal Plans for the Upcoming Decades**, led by Richard Vodra, CFA. Registration for the Saturday session is \$95 if you register before August 7. More information can be found [here](#), and on one of the flyers below the fold.

On Sunday, there are three tracks of concurrent sessions. Oil Drum speakers are in one of these concurrent sessions, from 10:15am to 11:45am. Other speakers are on topics such as investments, charting a sustainable future, and international dimensions.

The regular plenary sessions are on Monday and Tuesday. Speakers include Matt Simmons, Kjell Aleklett, Jason Bradford, Steve Andrews, Chris Skrebowski, Debbie Cook, and many other familiar names. I notice the first session is "The Future of Oil Supply in an Unpredictable-Price Environment" and the second one is "Natural Gas Game Changers?"

The price of the conference depends on which "package" you choose and when you register. In general, you can save \$100 by registering by August 7. [Registration information](#) can be found here. More information is available below the fold.



ASPO 2009 INTERNATIONAL PEAK OIL CONFERENCE System Reset: Global Energy and the New Economy

Sheraton Hotel, Denver, Colorado
October 10-13, 2009

Early registration ends Aug 6, 2009!
[Register now and save \\$100!](#)

ASPO-USA, in concert with ASPO-International, invites you to join energy experts, investors, utilities, representatives from federal, state, and local governments, and others in Denver, Colorado for ASPO-USA's 5th annual Peak Oil Conference.

Session Topics Include:

- The Great Recession and Energy Markets
- Natural Gas Game Changers
- Charting a Sustainable Future
- Analysis from "The Oil Drum" Writers
- Climate Change, Carbon Capture and Sequestration
- The Media: On the Watch or Asleep at the Wheel?
- Navigating Competing Priorities In Energy, Food, and Water Policy
- Well, Don't Just Sit There! Examples from the Forefronts of the Transition
- Stalking the Wild Taboo: Population, Carbon Taxes, and Nuclear Energy

Saturday Pre-Conference Optional Workshop:

Survive & Thrive After Peak Oil: Creating Personal Plans for the Coming Decades

[Learn More](#)

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Matthew Simmons**, leading peak oil analyst and author, "*Twilight in the Desert*"
- **Chris Martenson**, creator, "*The Crash Course*"
- **Kevin Phillips**, author, "*American Theocracy: The Peril & Politics of Radical Religion, Oil, & Borrowed Money*"
- **Tom Petrie**, Founder, Petrie, Parkman, Inc. / Merrill Lynch
- **Susan Capalbo**, Chair, Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Oregon State University
- **Marcio Rocha Mello**, President, HRT Petroleum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **David Shields**, journalist, author "*Pemex: The Oil Reform*, Mexico City, Mexico
- **Ray Leonard**, Vice President of Exploration, Kuwait Energy
- **Robert Hirsch**, energy consultant, US DOE, author of the *Hirsch Report*
- **Lisa Margonelli**, author, "*Oil on the Brain*"
- **Peter Maass**, writer, The New York Times, author "*Crude World: The Violent Twilight of Oil*"

The world is at a major crossroads - the convergence of peak oil and climate change. Despite challenging economic times, our nation is moving forward with sweeping initiatives to deal with climate change but ignoring the need to mitigate and plan for the peaking of world oil production. Our conference speakers, which include leading financial analysts, international oil industry executives, and peak oil observers, will offer new data and forecasts of our changing resources.

ASPO's four days of information-packed events appeals to a broad spectrum of people in business, public policy, and members of the public concerned with resource supply challenges. Register now to ensure your space and save \$100.

For more information and details please visit <http://www.aspo-usa.com/2009denver/>.

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ASPO – The Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas
Announces a Workshop:

SURVIVE AND THRIVE AFTER PEAK OIL

Creating Personal Plans for the Coming Decades

Join in a workshop before the ASPO Conference to develop and discuss ideas on how people should prepare their own lives for the resource-constrained world we are entering



SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 1PM,
THROUGH SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 10AM
Denver Sheraton Downtown Hotel

THE CHALLENGE: How should we plan our lives in the face of peak oil, global climate change, and the ongoing financial crisis? Much thought has gone into policy questions around energy, but less attention has been given to helping people prepare their own plans for such concerns as finance, careers, education, nutrition, community, housing, and transportation. It's time for all of us to help fix that! Continued "business as usual" planning for individuals, families, and communities will not be good enough any more.

WHO'S INVITED: Financial planners and personal coaches are experts in helping people look ahead, but they often lack information on energy, climate, and related topics. People interested in peak oil, climate change, sustainability, and community development have lots of knowledge in their fields, but often lack expertise in finance and personal planning. We invite all these people to join, learn from each other, and develop strategies likely to work.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS WORKSHOP TO PARTICIPANTS:

- Understand the ways that Peak Oil will affect you
- Make better preparations for a probably disruptive future
- Help your friends, family, and community act on a new vision
- Learn from others, teach others, create a network

WHAT'S THE PROCESS: We see a future that is unpredictable but likely to be very different from the conventional path most people expect. This workshop will create a time and a place to develop and exchange ideas about how people (especially American people) should be planning their finances and their lives for that future. This will not be a conversation about physics or geology, nor about public policy, but about how individuals, families, and possibly small businesses and communities should prepare for, and hopefully thrive during, the creation of this new post-peak world. Goals, dreams, and values can be met even in times of material challenges, and we will talk about how to thrive as people during what is likely to be a time of declining material prosperity.

We'll start with brief orientation talks on peak oil, financial planning, and personal change. The participants will then create the specific agenda for the workshop themselves. Using the Open Space Meeting format, the group will decide on topics and sessions that fit the goals and interests of the participants, with potentially a dozen or so breakout sessions to choose from. These sessions will be discussions, not presentations, since each of us provides expertise, curiosity, and wisdom. (One of our rules: there are no passengers!)

After several round of breakouts, dinner on your own (as an opportunity to continue the conversations on the 16th Street Mall with new-found friends), and another set of breakout sessions Saturday evening, we will gather Sunday morning to evaluate what we have discovered and outline recommendations that can be used by planners, coaches, organizers, and the general public as guides for the future. This material will be presented to the ASPO conference later in the day.

The program will begin at 1PM Saturday October 10, continue until about 9PM Saturday (including the dinner break about 5:30), and reconvene from 8AM to 9:45 Sunday morning. We will have a snack break at 3PM Saturday; otherwise food is on your own.

The ASPO Conference itself will begin Sunday morning and run through Tuesday evening. Details and registration for that can be found at ASPO-USA.org.

WHO'S LEADING THIS: The workshop leader is Richard Vodra, J.D., CFP®. Dick is a financial planner from McLean, VA, who has written and spoken widely on Peak Oil and related issues, including presentations at the last two APSO conferences and two recent national Retreats of the Financial Planning Association. Additional coordinators will be announced soon.

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration for this workshop will be separate from registration for the rest of the ASPO conference. Registration limited to 90 people The cost is \$95 before August 7, \$105 by October 7, and \$115 on site if space is still available.

To register on-line, go to ASPOUSA.ORG



For more information, contact the Workshop leader at Richard.vodra@spireip.com.



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