



## ASPO-USA Conference, November 30-December 1, Still Time to Register

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It is still not too late to register for the ASPO-USA Conference, November 30-December 1, at the University of Texas, in Austin, Texas.

Some reasons you might consider attending, even if you didn't decide before:

1. The conference is at the home location of Dr. Tad Patzek, author of [Peak, What Peak](#), recently published on The Oil Drum. He is one of the conference co-ordinators, and will be speaking at the conference.
2. Less expensive housing options are available this year than in the past. There is a choice of hotels, including a Day's Inn and LaQuinta Inn. ASPO-USA, on their web-site, offers to help find you someone to share a room with, if you select that option.
3. Additional speakers have been added. An updated agenda is shown below the fold.
4. There will be a chance to meet speakers at informal dinner meet-ups.

Full information can be found at the [ASPO-USA conference website](#).

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The regular program includes the following:

November 30:

**Overview - The Next Oil Crisis** - [Robert Hirsch](#), Management Information Systems, Inc.

**North American Oil Outlook: Abundance or Mirage** Scott Tinker, Univ. of Texas; Arthur Berman, Labyrinth Consulting Services; Laura Atkins, Hart Energy; and Tadeusz Patzek, Univ. of Texas

**Will Natural Gas Forestall a U. S. Oil Crisis?** Bill Powers, Powers Energy Investor; David Hughes, Post Carbon Institute; Deborah Rogers, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

**Lunch - Forums and Mini-Presentations**

**Whose Oil Is It Anyway? - Global Supply and Competing Demands for Oil Exports** Michael Kumhof, IMF; Mark Lewis, Deutsche Bank; and Jeffrey Brown, Independent Geologist

**Featured Debate: Do Energy Limits Require a New Economic Framework?** James Kenneth Galbraith, Univ. of Texas; Charles A. S. Hall, SUNY-ESF; Jason Schenker, Prestige Economics

December 1:

**Overview - Imagining a World of Increasing Oil Scarcity** Robert Rapier, Merica International

**Economic and Geopolitical Scenarios** Steven Kopits, Douglas-Westwood; Clement Davis, University of Texas

**Energy and Environmental Scenarios** Michael Bodell, Aperio Energy; Gregg Marland, Appalachian State University; Sonia Yeh, Carnegie Mellon University

### **Lunch - Forums and Mini-Presentations**

**Why is the Media Missing the Story? The Role of Communications** Loren Steffy, Houston Chronicle; Greg Gordon, McClatchy Newspapers; Robert Jensen, University of Texas

### **Closing Discussion**

In addition to the regular meeting, there will be a Preconference Workshop from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday with Arthur Berman, Tad Patzek, Jeffrey Brown, Carey King, and Louis Powers, for a charge of \$50.

There is also a Leadership Brunch from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on Sunday, for a charge of \$50.

Registration fees are \$150 for Students, \$350 General Registration, and \$550 for Pioneer Package. The latter includes the Preconference Brunch, video recordings of the sessions, and a reception. There is a \$30 discount for ASPO-USA members.



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