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Forthcoming PGK events

- September 15** Drs. B.M. Schroot from the RGD will speak about: 'EXPLORATION BOOM IN THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN'.
- October 7** D. Bird from GAPS will speak about: 'CONTROLS ON CARBONIFEROUS RESERVOIR QUALITY IN THE SOUTHERN NORTH SEA'.
- November 17** Drs. H. Frikken from NAM will speak about: 'CHARACTER AND PERFORMANCE OF SMALL FIELDS, CENTRAL OFFSHORE, NETHERLANDS'.
- December 17** Drs. W. H. Nieuwenhuijs from TU Delft will speak about: 'INS AND OUTS OF FAULTS'

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The PGK September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th, at 17:45 pm at the KIVI building, the Hague, and will be preceded by aperitifs from 17:00 pm. onwards. Because the KIVI building is being renovated, the entrance is temporarily at the back of the building, Jan Evertstraat 5. On the front door at the Prinsessegracht you will find a notice directing you to the back entrance.

Barthold Schroot provided the following abstract:

Until recently, Yemen was a relatively under-explored part of the Arabian peninsula. Little was known about the exact location and the character of potentially interesting sedimentary basins and before 1984, few wells had been drilled. After the discovery of the Alif oil field by Yemen Hunt in North Yemen, in 1984, the industry started to show more interest in the region, but only after the unification of North and South Yemen in 1990, this discovery triggered the current exploration boom. The rapidly changing political climate made it possible to issue a large number of new exploration licences. Most of this acreage is situated in former South Yemen. In 1991, substantial new discoveries were already made there. Operators and service companies are now studying all possible (sub)basins. There seem to be opportunities in the Jurassic/Cretaceous play in the inland failed-rift basins, and in the post-rift Tertiary sequence close to the present-day shorelines. Total production figures are expected to reach some 300 000 barrels per day by the end of this year.