

# 20'TH LEADERS IN ENGINEERING SEMINAR

## THE PETROLEUM INSTITUTE, ABU DHABI

### Mr. David Eyton

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and Technology, BP*

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Main Lecture Hall (room 100), Zarkuh Building  
The Petroleum Institute



## The Future for Energy – A Perspective from BP

Energy remains top of the international agenda, as the world faces unprecedented challenges in the next few decades. Increasing concerns about energy supply and security are rivalling those related to sustainability and environmental. The solutions to these challenges lie in the hands of a broad group of communities: whether academics involved in research and technology, national and international policymakers or big business. Alignment between these groups is essential to success.

The big questions remain. What is the future for fossil fuels? What are the alternative energy sources that are likely to succeed? What are the prospects for the petroleum industry and those who work in it? BP has a hundred years' experience working across the boundaries of research, technology and business in the energy playing field. David Eyton, BP's head of Research & Technology, sets out his view of the challenges and examines future scenarios for energy technologies and the people working in the industry.

David Eyton was appointed BP's Group Vice President for Research and Technology (R&T) in April, 2008. He is accountable for technology strategy and its implementation across BP and conducting research and development in areas of corporate renewal. In this role, David also oversees the technological capability of the company.

Prior to this, David was BP's Exploration and Production (E&P) Group Vice President for Technology. In this role David was responsible for Research and Development, Technical Service Work, Digital and Communications Technology and Procurement and Supply Chain Management for BP's Upstream business. David also managed the Westlake Campus in Houston and led the development of a new approach to Petrotechnical Learning in E&P.

David joined BP in 1982 from Cambridge University with an Engineering degree. During his early career, he held a number of Petroleum Engineering, Commercial and Business Management positions. In 1996, he was named General Manager of BP's North West Shelf interest in Australia. David later managed Wytch Farm in the UK and then BP's Gas Businesses in Trinidad. In September 2001, he became Lord John Browne's Executive Assistant in the company's London headquarters. Following that assignment, David was Vice President of Deepwater Developments in the Gulf of Mexico.

David's leisure interests include skiing, clay pigeon shooting, golf, tennis, singing and ornithology. David and his wife, Carolyn, have three children, James, Kathryn and Edward.

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