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Rising Star recognised at Industry awards

A senior technology analyst with ITF, the industry technology facilitator, clinched the Rising Star award at the prestigious Scottish Offshore Achievement Awards on Thursday, March 25.

Ryan McPherson scooped the accolade in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the industry, managing a total of 15 technology projects and seven calls for proposals.

Joining ITF in September 2007 as a technology analyst, Ryan's talents were quickly recognised and he was promoted to senior technology analyst the following year.



Ryan McPherson, Senior Technology Analyst

His role at ITF means he is required to take ownership of the ITF process, identifying and coordinating key operational aspects of the business.

Ryan has also gained successful recognition across the industry, Oil and Gas UK chose him to join its next generation task group and he sits on two of the industry body's decommissioning workgroups. He has also been approached by SPE to sit on their well abandonment committee.

A not-for-profit organisation, ITF is an internationally recognised champion for technology innovation within the oil and gas industry and acts as a conduit between technology innovators and the wider industry.

Ryan said:

“ITF is a unique organisation that has given me a fantastic platform to enter the oil and gas industry. Working on a variety of projects covering a full spectrum of disciplines has provided me with a very sound knowledge base within a relatively short space of time.

“Over the past few years my continued involvement in ongoing projects has meant I have gone through a steep learning curve but it is one that has allowed me to see the areas within the industry that represent the biggest ‘technology challenges’.”

Established in 1999 by oil companies, DTI and the Oil and Gas Industry task force ITF is owned by 23 major global operators and service companies. Its key objectives are to identify technology needs, foster innovation and facilitate development and implementation of new technologies.

The annual awards ceremony, hosted on Thursday, March 25 at Aberdeen’s Exhibition and Conference Centre, was attended by many of the city’s top organisations.

To date ITF has delivered 151 new collaborative and revolutionary oilfield technology projects to the market. The organisation has also been responsible for securing direct member funding in excess of £46 million - with its current technology portfolio consisting of 39 ongoing projects linked to £20 million of direct member investment.

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