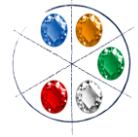




Curriculum Vitae – Olivier Houzé



After his graduation from the glorious Ecole Polytechnique (France) in 1982, Olivier Houzé was granted an MSc scholarship in Petroleum Engineering at Stanford University by Flopetrol-Johnston (Schlumberger) in 1983. Actually he did not know about Stanford but accepted the scholarship a millisecond after having spotted the place on a map. He achieved his Masters in a record 9 month time, research included, but cheated getting some of the Maths units, and got a few C passes. He was feted as 'one of the most forgettable Stanford students ever' according to his advisers (Hank Ramey and Roland Horne).

He joined Flopetrol in 1983 and started as a field engineer where he was successively assigned the positions of "dead-weight-tester-observer-but-please-do-not-touch-anything", well test helper, well test operator, well test chief operator, Electric Line Service chief operator and Interpretation engineer. He spent most of his field time in the Middle East, especially in Yemen, the UAE and Oman, and a couple of missions to the North Sea. He was on the first wells in Yemen for Hunt Oil where he successfully bartered for his life in exchange for the oil remaining in the separator when the Bedouins arrived on the scene. He left Yemen before they returned to ask for his head. Having hammered chickens, learnt all the jokes about O'rings, engineers and Frogs, made enough money for his company and paid for his Paris flat, poisoned himself for life with mercury sampling and wasted enough rig days, he was neutralized and assigned to the Flopetrol R&D center in Melun where he was involved in Production Logging Interpretation and Pressure Transient Analysis developments.

He left in 1987, when Flopetrol euphemistically merged with Schlumberger, and co-funded KAPPA with his former Flopetrol colleague Dominique Bourdet. He was the initial developer of Saphir Generation 1, and he became KAPPA Managing Director in 1991, after the company activity had unexpectedly turned out to be mainly software.

Olivier Houzé has written and reviewed a few SPE papers, taught a few courses, attended a few forums, and he is now part of the happy few co-authors of the next Pressure Transient Testing SPE Monograph. In 1992 he stopped programming when it became too complicated, and since then he has been focusing on designing toolbar buttons, color of the WEB site background and lots of other important things. He is also the official skipper of the KAPPA boat on which he may take you to see dolphins and whales off the Riviera coast. The name of the first KAPPA boat was Stehfest. The name of the new boat is Wavelet. You wonder why.