



AWARD REPRESENTATIVES

E&P AWARD – EXPLORER OF THE YEAR

HALFDAN CARSTENS

Halfdan Carstens has been the editor for GeoPublishing AS for over 18 years, cofounded GEO ExPro more than 10 years ago and is a partner at GeoNova AS. Halfdan has extensive experience within the petroleum related industry with over 20 years of experience with oil and service companies, and is the chief editor of GEO magazine which he also founded. Through his articles, Halfdan has significantly contributed to raising the interest for geology in the Norwegian society. Halfdan holds a master degree in geology from the University of Oslo.

NILS-HENRIK BJURSTRØM

Nils-Henrik Bjurstrøm has been a Senior Project Manager within Rystad Energy consulting for three years and is currently managing Rystad Energy's exploration analysis team. His previous field of experience includes strategic product management, business development, general management within software development, project management and software engineering. He previously worked at Roxar Software Solutions as a manager of software products within petroleum geology, geophysics and reservoir engineering. He holds an M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics from NTNU, Norway, and an Executive MBA in Strategic Management from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH).



E&P AWARD – BUSINESS DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR

ODDVAR BJØRGAN

Oddvar Bjørgan has followed the oil market and oil companies as an equity and market analyst for several Nordic investment banks over the last 15 years, and most recently for Nordea Markets. He has been ranked as Norway's best oil stock analyst or oil market analyst of both Prospera and Kapital for the past ten years.

ARNE GULBRANDSEN

Arne Gulbrandsen joined the company in 2006 and has 25 years of experience from the oil and gas industry. He is heading the sales and marketing division within Rystad Energy through the company's network of international sales and support offices. Prior to joining Rystad Energy, Arne worked within oilfield services with a focus on reservoir software and services. Previous companies include Roxar (now Emerson) and SPT Group (now Schlumberger), with extensive experience ranging from reservoir modeling, subsurface software development, sales and management. Arne also has experience from Rystad Energy's consulting group on projects within E&P, oilfield services, and M&A. Arne holds an M.Sc. degree in Engineering Geology from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and an MBA from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration.



E&P AWARD – PROJECT DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR

JORUNN SÆTRE

Jorunn Sætre is leading AGR's Business Development team and managing the company's Stavanger office. She has more than 30 years of experience in the international energy industry. Prior to joining AGR, Jorunn held the role of Vice President with Halliburton, working in Houston, with responsibility for technology and production enhancement activities. She was previously Country VP for Halliburton Scandinavia for 10 years. In 2008 Jorunn was awarded the title of "Oil Woman of the Year" by Stavanger Society of Petroleum Engineers.

SIMON SJØTHUN

Simon Sjøthun is a Project Manager with Rystad Energy with experience from E&P and oil field service projects. He is a key member of Rystad Energy's NCS Solution team and has extensive knowledge about upstream activities on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. Simon has also worked with valuation support, M&A screening activities and gas infrastructure assessments. He graduated from NHH and EM Lyon, France.



E&P AWARD – FIELD OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

HILDEGUNN T BLINDHEIM

Hildegunn T. Blindheim is currently the director of Climate and the Environment at Norwegian Oil & Gas. She has extensive experience in climate change and energy. Prior to joining Norwegian Oil & Gas, Hildegunn was a senior advisor at the Norwegian Environment Agency. She is a board member of the Business Sector's NOx Fund, and was previously a board member of CICEP Strategic Challenges in International Climate and Energy Policy and National Low-Carbon Dialogue Consortium.

JON MARSH DUESUND

Jon Marsh Duesund has been with Rystad Energy since 2009 and has led multiple projects assessing topics such as subsea markets, technology validation, oil and gas activities in the Arctic. He is also a co-author of the North American Shale Report. Jon is currently based in Oslo, but has recently been stationed at Rystad Energy's Houston office. He holds an M.Sc. in Industrial Economics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, with specialization in operations research and process technology, including a graduate exchange program at UC Berkeley.



OIL SERVICE AWARD – NEW VENTURE OF THE YEAR

GUNNAR LILLE

Gunnar Lille is managing director of OG21. Gunnar came from Chevron, where he was Technology and HSE coordinator for Chevron Norway. Before that he was environmental strategy advisor for Chevron Group at their headquarters outside of San Francisco. He has previously worked at DNV in risk assessments and safety management, and ABB Offshore Systems where he was Engineering Safety Manager and Safety Director of development projects.

JO HUSEBYE

Jo Husebye has been with Rystad Energy since 2011 and has led multiple client projects. His areas of expertise include subsea markets, offshore fabrication industry, E&P strategies and valuation. He is a key member of Rystad Energy's NCS BD Atlas team, focusing on exploration and business development on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. Jo holds an M.Sc. in Industrial Economics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, with specialization in mechanical engineering and finance. He previously worked at SINTEF Energy as a research scientist within CO2 capture and storage.



OIL SERVICE AWARD – GLOBETROTTER OF THE YEAR

SJUR E. BRATLAND

Sjur Bratland has more than 25 years of experience in the oil & gas market and is now the Managing Director of INTSOK. He has held this position since March 2013 and prior to this position Sjur held the position as INTSOK Regional Director for the Caspian Region and West Africa. Sjur has worked extensively with Hydro and Statoil. He has held a variety of management positions within the oil & gas sector. He has also worked with renewables, aluminum and magnesium. Sjur also has a strong background and broad international experience within finance, establishment of new business, mergers and acquisitions.

LARS EIRIK NICOLAISEN

Lars Eirik Nicolaisen has been with Rystad Energy since 2008. His areas of expertise include rig supply and demand analysis, oil macro assessments and oilfield service market due-diligences. Lars Eirik has been managing the development of RigCube – a tool to estimate future rig demand and supply. He has been a key speaker at conferences on various topics spanning from the rig market to global macro. Lars Eirik was also a member of Rystad Energy's winning team at the ONS' "Young Professional Company Award" in 2010. He is currently heading up the Rystad Energy New York office.



OIL SERVICE AWARD – BUSINESS SUCCESS OF THE YEAR

RUNAR RUGTVEDT

Runar Rugtvedt is managing director of Oil & Gas Technology Suppliers at Norsk Industri. He previously worked at Grenland Group ASA. Runar took a decision to leave Grenland Group in 2010 to become managing director at Norsk Industri, focusing on establishing the best possible framework conditions for the supplier industry to oil and gas activities in Norway.

ERIK HOLM REISO

Erik Holm Reiso joined Rystad Energy as a consultant in 2007. Prior to this, he worked as a consultant at Arkwright and Accenture. Erik has led projects on exploration strategy, global M&A screening and field/company valuation for E&P companies as well as detailed market forecasting, acquisition candidate screening, and strategy development for oilfield service companies. He has also been deeply involved in the development of Rystad Energy's global oil service database DCube. Erik is responsible for oil service strategy advisory services at Rystad Energy. Erik holds an M.Sc. in Industrial Economics and Technology Management from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology with specialization in finance and real option valuation.



HONOUR AWARD

HELGE KEILEN

Helge Keilen has an educational background in journalism and has worked as business journalist since 1971 after ten years as a business reporter in Bergen, Helge started as editor and owner of Offshore Media Group since 1982. Helge has a strong background in the oil & gas sector providing information and also hosting one of the largest oil and gas exhibitions in Norway: Offshore Technology Days.

JARAND RYSTAD

Jarand Rystad founded Rystad Energy in 2004 and is managing the firm. Jarand has extensive experience in oil and gas strategy advisory from McKinsey and Rystad Energy. He has led a number of strategy projects for international oil and gas companies and oilfield service companies. He has also worked with governments and international organizations on topics related to the global energy agenda, and he is advising investors on deal screening, transactions and portfolio management. Jarand is among the most cited petroleum analysts in the industry and been a key note speaker on numerous international conferences. His areas of expertise include E&P strategy, asset and company transactions, macro analysis and oil service industry analysis. Jarand has also worked for Kvaerner Engineering and as a research scientist within Industrial Economics, gaining wide expertise in statistics and programming. Jarand holds an M.Sc. degree in Physics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, where he completed a thesis on astroseismology. He also has an academic background in philosophy. Jarand has been the leader and founder of various organizations.