Keynote speakers, IPCE Tuesday Opening Plenary

Alan Murray and Alan Mayberry presenting:

"Real Lives, Real Consequences, The Human Impact of Pipeline Decisions"



Dr. Alan Murray is a consulting engineer with Principia Consulting in Calgary, AB and an adjunct professor at the University of Calgary Pipeline Engineering Centre. He is a former Chief Engineer and Chief Safety Officer at the National Energy Board. (now the Canadian Energy Regulator). Dr. Murray's industry experience has included a number of senior management positions with a large pipeline operating company in North America with responsibility for system planning, construction, maintenance and contracting functions. His work experience spans research, regulation, third-party assessment, design and development in both pipelines and offshore structures. He was the founding chairman of the ASME Pipeline Systems Division and is the co-author of the ASME Press text books Pipeline Design and Construction – A Practical Approach and Pipeline Integrity Assurance. He holds a doctorate in Civil Engineering from the Queen's University of Belfast, is a member of APEGA, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.and is a Fellow of the ASME



Alan K. Mayberry, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Mr. Mayberry is the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in Washington, D.C. and serves as the senior federal career official for pipeline safety in the United States.

Mr. Mayberry joined PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) in 2006, in a senior engineering role within the Engineering and Emergency Support Division. He was appointed Director of the division in 2008 and was responsible for supporting OPS programs and the regional offices on nationwide pipeline issues to ensure uniform policies. Additionally, Mr. Mayberry led PHMSA's response to major pipeline incidents. In 2010, he was appointed as the Deputy Associate Administrator (DAA) for Field Operations, overseeing OPS' pipeline safety and enforcement oversight efforts throughout PHMSA's five regional offices. Mr. Mayberry later assumed the role of DAA for Policy and Programs, where he led OPS' development of comprehensive oversight programs including regulatory development, engineering and research, state grants, federal enforcement, and training and qualifications programs.

Having led all parts of OPS, Mr. Mayberry was appointed to his current position of Associate Administrator in 2016.

Mr. Mayberry has over 40 years of experience in the energy industry, both in the private sector and as federal regulator, and his expertise is equally divided between pipeline operations and design engineering.

Mr. Mayberry is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and is a registered Professional Engineer.

Bret Hart - Keynote address



Bret "Hitman" Hart hails from the first family of pro wrestling and was trained in Calgary's infamous Hart family dungeon by his promoter father, Stu Hart, who was awarded the Order of Canada for a lifetime of contributions to charity and community. It was in this humanitarian spirit that Bret traveled the globe for two decades as World Champion of both major wrestling organizations brightening the lives of sick and dying children, who he met one on one while taking seriously his position to live up to being a role model to millions more watching on TV.

Bret earned numerous amateur wrestling awards before turning to olympic style wrestling's more theatrical counterpart. He is widely considered by his peers to be the most technically proficient pro wrestler of his era. Even with all of Bret's successes in the wrestling field he considers his most important accomplishment that he never actually hurt even one opponent.

It's the ultimate irony then that Bret Hart's wrestling career was abruptly ended by an errant kick to the head during a pay per view match that caused a severe concussion – followed by a major stroke. The Hitman battled back from this one-two punch and has since built a new career as an author and motivational speaker among other pursuits. Bret Hart continues to consistently draw massive crowds all over the world whenever he appears at book signings, autograph sessions and as a riveting, humorous and inspirational motivational speaker. He also enjoys lending himself to charity events, when possible.

In the fall of 2004 Bret was voted one of the top 50 Canadians of all time on CBC's Greatest Canadian. Bret says he doesn't yet know how he's going to live up to such an honor, but that it'll be great fun to try!

In addition, Bret is a #1 bestselling author in the US, UK and Canada for his critically acclaimed autobiography.

Bret will discuss his experience related to overcoming adversity, evolving to meet new challenges, maintaining and growing success, building relationships, supporting underserved and rising performers, and how these topics relate to some of the challenges we face in the pipeline industry.