

# Senior Staff Win Award at Next Generation 2012 - Downstream Summit Europe

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HYDRATIGHT senior European staff Alain Wald and Paul Holland attended a major summit on issues facing the downstream industry – and came home with a special award.

The company joined 20 solutions providers, and delegates from operators such as Exxon Mobil, Lukoil, Gazprom, Statoil and Total at Next Generation 2012 - Downstream Summit Europe in Scotland.

During the three-day event Hydratight and fellow service company representatives from Nalco, Schlumberger, Emerson and many more took part in discussions and workshops of pressing importance to the downstream industry, including health and safety issues, process improvement and future strategies. The workshops included several one-to-one meetings lasting around 40 minutes each, giving delegates the chance to discuss single topics in greater detail.

Hydratight led a one-hour workshop on its global speciality joint integrity, in which 26 delegates participated. Paul, the company's Global Technical services Manager and Alain, leader of the EMEA region, also undertook 14 meeting with key operators — and came away with 20 serious inquiries from across Europe for Hydratight's products and services.

The duo left the event with yet another company award - the Innovation Award, from the summit's Leader 2012 competition.

Hydratight was shortlisted with two other highly-qualified entries, but won for a submission detailing some of the company's achievements over the past 18 months.

These included from introducing its massively-updated Informat software, which calculates optimum bolt loads (<http://www.hydratight.com/en/products/bolt-load-monitoring>) or torque (<http://www.hydratight.com/en/products/torque>) values across thousands of combinations of joints, gaskets and metals with high precision; to developing new advanced data collection and control software, iDMS, which can keep precise details on tens of thousands of joints across entire installations.

The submission also noted development of machining and bolting (<http://www.hydratight.com/en/services/bolting>) techniques to eliminate leakage from stubborn Coker valves; launched the most advanced on-site milling machine available, the GeniSys; made a major contribution to the EN1591 series of flange design codes; promoted the importance of technician competency - leading with the most comprehensive training and assessment programme in its field, and developed barcode tagging systems to track joint activity during a turnaround.

Six members of the Downstream Advisory Board, all senior managers for major operators, and in one case a senior energy economist for the European Commission, gave Hydratight the award.