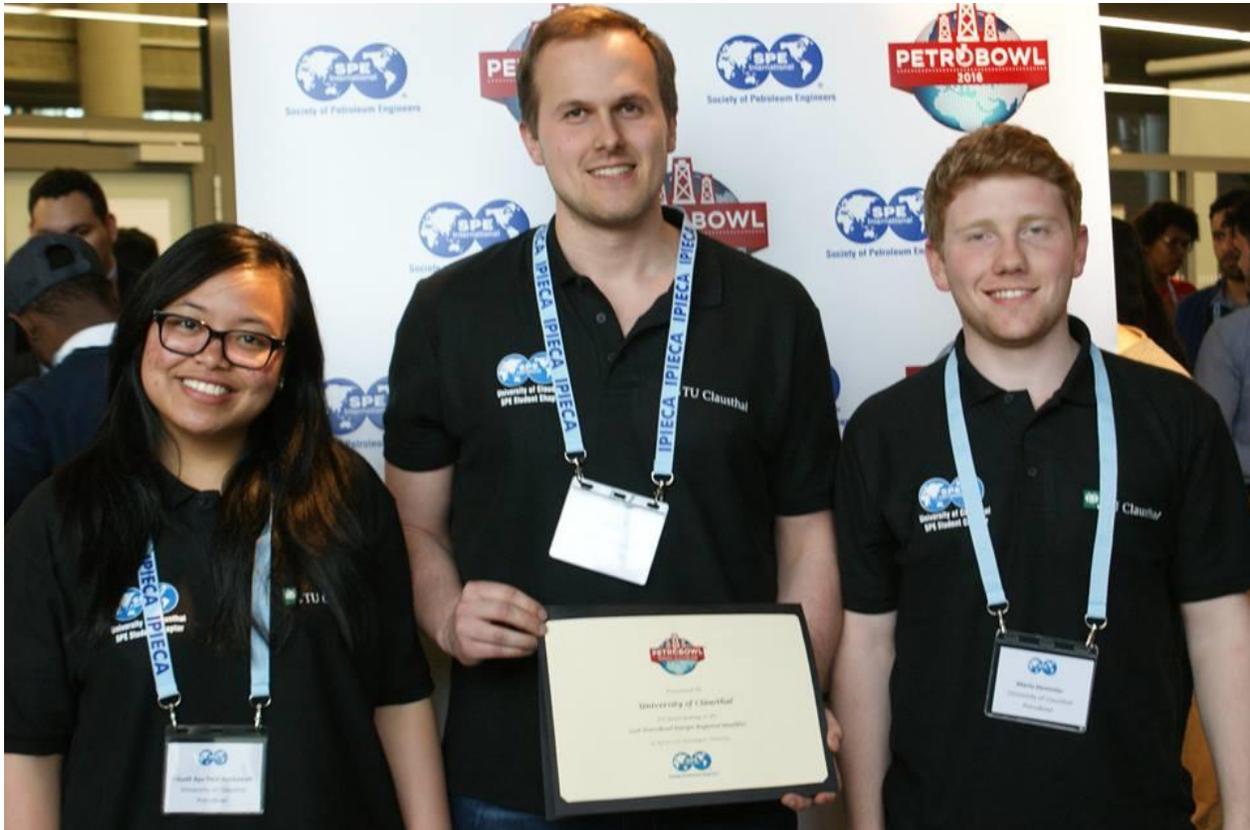


SPE Petrobowl Regional Qualifier Europe 2016 – Stavanger



The Petrobowl is an annual competition organized by the SPE for students from different universities worldwide. In recent years the competition went global and required the implementation of regional qualifiers, there are 6 regions and each region qualifies the first and second place for the final competition. Our student chapter sent three representatives to the competition – Mario Demmler, Jan-Hendrik Reuter and Devi Asokawati – to represent the university and try to earn a spot in the international competition. The event was held on March 14th at the convention center in Stavanger, Norway.

The group arrived in Stavanger on the day prior to the competition to settle in and prepare for the competition. The competition started at 9 am with a short introduction from the organizers and a short presentation from the current CEO of SPE International. The organizers provided breakfast prior to the start of the event as well. Once the competition started the rounds rapidly followed one another, rounds were five minutes and the team with the highest score moved on in the bracket. A total of 23 universities were registered for the competition with 19-20 universities actually being in attendance.

The competition is based on basic knowledge and trivia regarding the oil and gas industry ranging from well-known equations to important historical figures. As mentioned before, the qualifier rounds were five minutes with points awarded for correct answers and penalties for incorrect answers. After five minutes the team with the higher score moved on, if there was a tie the game continued for three more questions until a winner became clear.

The competition for the TU Clausthal team began with a match against the Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University after a strong start the team stagnated and the result had to be determined in overtime. There was some confusion due to an error in adding up the points awarded, making it appear as if the TU lost. Instead the team managed to win the overtime and move on to the next match. While waiting for the second match the team used the chance to visit the International Conference and Exhibition on Health, Safety, Security, Environment, and Social Responsibility and to attend matches between the other universities. The second match was with the University of Stavanger, the home team, they proved to be challenging opponents. The match was close throughout but unfortunately Stavanger was quicker on a few questions and managed to win the match. This unfortunately marked the end of the competition for the TU Clausthal, the rest of the day was spent enjoying the remainder of the competition and meeting representatives from different universities as well as enjoying the refreshments provided. At the end of the day the University of Stavanger managed to win the final match against the Politecnico Di Torino securing a spot at the international competition, which will be held during ATCE in Dubai.



The event was a great experience for all the attendees and the results show that with a little more practice and additional student involvement the TU Clausthal could be highly competitive. It also proved a great opportunity to meet other representatives and opened the door to make connections with future colleagues.

Additionally, at the same HSE Conference in Stavanger two of our students have participated at the paper contest, where our PHD student Opeyemi Bello was one of the highlights of the event by winning the 3rd place in both of Paper contest and SPE HSE Challenge (with Hybrid Team).

