



## INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL DIVISION TALK

### LIVING THE EXPAT LIFE. Is it all it's cracked up to be?

Speaker: David Mackie

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1 CPD (Continuing Professional Development) credit will be awarded for this event

#### ABSTRACT

Have you ever dreamed about living overseas in some exotic location sipping cocktails on the beach overlooking a tropical sunset? Living amidst ancient history right on your doorstep? Jetting off for weekend getaways in Rome or Bali? Doesn't it all sound wonderful? But then life sometimes has a way of intruding. What is it really like to live life as an expat? Is it all exotic and interesting?

If you are thinking of going overseas do you worry about your skillset from your "limited" Canadian experience? Will you be able to contribute when amidst intimidating career expatriates who have seemed to drill wells in every basin known to humanity? Will you make friends? Will you be able to make yourself understood when everyone else seems to speak an incomprehensible foreign tongue?

Well, the answer to all these questions and worries, hopes and dreams depends mostly on your attitude towards living in a strange land with strange people. Over the next little while David will discuss his experiences with living overseas in both Nigeria and Egypt from both a professional and personal perspective.

Hopefully at the end of this talk you will be filled with the courage to take the plunge and see if it really is all it is cracked up to be.

#### BIOGRAPHY



David Mackie received his B.Sc. in Geology and Physics in 1982 from University of Toronto, and his M.Sc. in Geophysics from UBC in 1985. With 32 years of experience in the oil and gas industry David worked in exploration, development and management in both structural conventional, unconventional, and carbonate stratigraphic plays. David spent one third of his career as an expat in Africa where he learned to love the complexities of this fascinating continent.