

# Chevron's new CTO visits USC

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John McDonald, the new Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Chevron Corporation, came to visit the University of Southern California (USC) on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and discovered the inner workings of the Center for Interactive Smart OilField Technologies (CiSoft). Previously, John was Chevron's Vice President of Strategic Planning, but will now head Chevron Energy Technology Company, Chevron Information Technology Company, and Chevron Technology Ventures LLC. These three technology companies collaborate with CiSoft to gain innovative solutions to challenges and obstacles.

John, accompanied by Don Paul, former CTO, and Rod Spackman, Manager of Policy Government and Public Affairs, was welcomed by Dr. Iraj Ershaghi, co-director of CiSoft and Director/Professor of the Petroleum Engineering Program, Dean Yannis Yortsos, Dean of the Viterbi School of Engineering, and Angus McColl, Program Manager for Engineering External Relations. Among learning about the Engineering School (presented by Dean Yortsos) and becoming familiar with CiSoft's big picture (presented by Dr. Ershaghi), John was really awed by CiSoft's members. When Mr. McDonald walked into the CiSoft laboratories, CiSoft's professors and students were ready with their posters and demonstrations. Each gave a brief presentation of their projects and break through achievements. John was definitely impressed.