## Contents

1.	Enha	nced	Oil	Recovery:	A	Potential	Role fo					
	Micro	oorga	nisms	1								
				hanced rece	overy	2						
	1.2.	Conv	vention	nal procedu	res fo	or oil recove	ery 4					
		Brief survey of non-biological enhanced re- covery 11										
	1.4.	Con	clusion	is 16								
	Refer	ences	1	8								
2.	About Microbiology — And Its Relevance for Enhance											
	Oil Recovery 19											
	2.1.	Gen	eral co	nsideration	S	19						
	2.2.			icroorganis								
	2.3.	How	migh	t bacteria co	ontri	bute to enh	anced					
		oil re	ecover	y? 25								
	2.4.	Bact	erial r	netabolism	2	7						
	2.5.	Regi	ulation	of bacteria	l met	abolism	29					
	2.6.	Role	of inl	ieritance an	d en	vironment	32					
	2.7.	Phei	notypi	c and genot	ypic	stability	34					
	2.8.	Envi	ironm	ental limits	to gr	owth 35	5					
	2.9.	Gen	etic m	anipulation	isol	ation of des	ired					
				orms 37								
	2.10.	Con	clusio	ns 42								
	Gene	eral st	uppler	nentary read	ling	42						

x CONTENTS

3.	Reservoir Microbiology 44						
	3.1. Presence and growth of bacteria in reservoirs 44						
		48					
	3.3. Measures to control bacterial growth in relation						
	to enhanced oil recovery techniques 57						
	3.4. Penetration of bacteria through rock formations	60					
	References 66						
4.	Experience of Bacterial Enhanced Recovery Techniques	69					
	4.1. A brief history 69						
	4.2. The original ideas 70						
	4.3. The first development of ZoBell's work 71						
	4.4. Later work in the United States 72						
	4.5. Field trials and other work in Europe 76						
	4.6. Availability of wells for microbiological field trials	8:					
	4.7. Choice of suitable wells 88						
	4.8. Isolation of suitable bacteria 90						
	4.9. Evaluating the benefits of enhanced recovery						
	procedures 93						
	4.10. Limitations of the method and the risks of failure	94					
	4.11. Opportunities for success with bacterial enhance-						
	ment methods 99						
	References 101						
	The Exploitation of Deep and Offshore Fields 106						
	5.1. Special problems of deep and offshore fields 106						
	5.2. How to obtain a suitable bacterial culture for						
	enhanced oil recovery 119						
	References 139						
6.	Getting Started: Matters of Logistics 143						
	5.1. Are general solutions feasible? 144						
	5.2. Identification of target wells and reservoirs 45						
	6.3. Who is going to develop bacterial enhancement						
	methods? 146						
	6.4. How urgent is it to start? 148						
	5.5. The molasses-based technique 149						

85

CONTENTS. xi

	6.7.	Methods using specifically designed bacteria Obtaining wells for field trials 151 Compatibility between bacterial and other recovery methods 152	150
	6.9.	Resources required for bacterial injection	153
	6.10.	The longer term view 155	
	Refe	rences 156	
7.	7.1. 7.2. 7.3.	United States 157 United Kingdom 161 Conclusion 162 rences 163	
G	ossar	y of Biological Terms 164	
In	dex	173	