An Industrial Career

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Dr Suicmez completed his PhD on Pore Scale Simulation of Three-Phase Flow at Imperial College London in 2006. Here he tells us about his PhD experience.

What was your motivation for a PhD?
“I wanted to specialize in the area of Fluid Flow in Porous Media.”

What career rewards has your PhD provided?
“The topic of my research and the international reputation of Imperial College London helped me enormously in the oil industry.”

What was your worst experience?
“You may have good days and bad days, however the work goes on and does require unwavering concentration.“

What was your best experience?
“You are both a student and staff at the same time. You can wear whatever you want, you don’t have to shave everyday, and the working hours are flexible.”

What was your most unusual experience?
“My PhD defence examination… My examiner was so interested in my work it took around 5 hours!”

What advice would you give to those considering a PhD?
“Making sure that this is what you really want. If it is, it will certainly be lots of fun - otherwise, it can be really painful.”