As you must be aware SPG, India organizes workshops and lectures at different centers of SPG with an intention to create a platform where geo-scientists and students from India get an opportunity to understand upcoming technology, share knowledge and exchange ideas with eminent geo-scientists & academicians from other countries and organizations. Indeed, it gives me immense pleasure to share with readers that, with this objective in mind, SPG India has conducted in the last six months a series of lectures, workshops, and “DISC 2010” lectures at different SPG local chapters and student chapters. The first annual meeting and technical seminar arranged by SPG-Duliajan Chapter was held on July 18, 2010. SPG, India organised a two days workshop on “Exploration & Exploitation of Hydrocarbon from Shale” on November 27-28, 2010 at ONGC Academy, Dehradun. Another workshop was organised under “DISC 2010” program on October 1, 2010 at Mumbai on “Geophysics Under Stress: Geomechanical Applications of Seismic and Borehole Acoustics Waves” by Dr. Colin Sayers, Schlumberger.

The vibrant SEG Student Section at ISM Dhanbad under the association of SPG, India organized a “Student interaction programme” during August 6-7, 2010 followed by a workshop on “Conventional vs. Non-conventional Energy Resources” on August 8, 2010. A one day seminar on “Exploration strategies in hydrocarbon fields” on August 13, 2010 was organised by the student chapter of Jadavpur University. NGRI Student Chapter organized a three days workshop, on “Recent Advances in Exploration Geophysics for Young Researchers” from October 25-27, 2010 at NGRI, Hyderabad.

A student from Indian School of Mines University, Dhanbad was sponsored by SPG to present a paper at the 80th Annual Meeting & International Exposition at Denver. SPG India also sponsored a visit of two school students of “The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet” along with their parents to NASA and Schlumberger R&D centre, Houston.

Friends, time has come that we need to look for other alternate sources of energy – “Green energy of 21st Century”. Obviously, cutting edge technology with an eco-friendly approach is the only ray of hope to explore and develop energy resources to meet our ever increasing demand for energy. Accordingly, I wish that our entire industry and various institutes in the country can work together towards devising such industry paradigms that help us to make our nation self-sufficient with respect to energy. To meet this aspiration, however, immediately requires a compelling need for change, innovation and improvisation in our perception and pursuits. SPG, India is ready to provide a platform in such a collective endeavor. On behalf of the society and on my own behalf, I wish the Geoscientists & the petroleum exploration fraternity a “Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2011”.

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