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Dear Reader,

2007 is now fast receding in the wake of approaching 2008.

It has been a good year for Geophysics and Geophysicists. Led primarily by high levels of international oil prices, there has been increase in global exploration effort to explore and produce more of new oil from new (and old) fields as well as old oil from known reservoirs. Energy security to sustain fast paced economic growth is today the foremost national agenda. The implementation of national Oil Reserves is also going ahead as planned. Now that vexed issue of gas pricing is nearly sorted out, seventh round of NELP has also been announced. There is talk of Exploration & Production business being doled out more sops to increase the exploration efforts in Indian basins. The lure of petrodollars has led to many corporate houses diversifying into this sunrise sector. As per line kilometer rate for acquisition and processing heads northward companies like PGS are staging a strong comeback.

All of these developments have resulted in very significant increase in demand for experienced as well as greenhorn oil-patch professionals. There is acute shortage of drillers, petro-physicists, geologists and geophysicists. However, as it is nearly impossible to get the experienced hands in required numbers, operators are forced to take drilling (and even acquisition) holiday and seek extensions in exploration licenses from regulator. National oil companies are finding it particularly difficult to recruit and retain geoscientists at this juncture. Good times for oil hunters indeed.

The 7th biennial International Conference and Exposition of SPG India slated for Jan' 14-16 at Hyderabad is therefore happening in very opportune times. Besides an elaborate technical programme consisting of 29 technical sessions, there are seventeen pre and post conference courses. There is a student programme replete with Job Fair and Quiz Competition. Other highlights of the event are business programme spouse programme, a post-conference trip to Nagarjun Sagar, cultural evenings and sumptuous dinners not to mention other wonderful things you can do in magnificent Hyderabad.

In this conference issue of Geohorizons, that goes in the conference kit, we have first a work by P P Mitra et al enumerating the challenges of cross-equalization for time lapse seismics. There is also an invited paper on volume curvature attributes by Satinder Chopra et al. N K Khatri et al in their paper discuss fluid contacts and their use as exploration and development tool. Kalachan Sain et al describe their modeling work on AVA for gas hydrate related BSR. Lastly there is a paper on DMO and MZO by Dr Jagmeet Singh. There is also usual Geophuzzle and Point-to-Ponder to tickle your brains.

Go ahead and have a happy reading. Hoping to see you all at Hyderabad and receive your articles, points-to-ponder and suggestions.


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