

## President's Page



It is heartening to communicate to the fellow society members this column on the eve of 7th International Conference & Exposition on Petroleum Geophysics, "Hyderabad 2008". I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the SPG members for giving me the responsibility of leading the society for consecutive two terms and support to do the same. On behalf of SPG, India I invite you to join this conference during 14-16 January, 2008 at Hyderabad. We are ready to put a good show during Hyderabad2008 with several unique and exciting activities on the card.

Unprecedented and continued economic growth of India has considerably pushed up the energy need of the country; a large share of which is met by hydrocarbons which have to be imported. To sustain this economic growth, energy security of the country is very vital. The conference theme underlines this concern and we hope that three days technical deliberations during the conference will generate new and exciting ideas to help the Geoscientists in search of hydrocarbons at faster pace and with smaller risk.

More thrust has been put on continuing education this year. SEG Regional Lecture' 2007 on "Recent Advances in Borehole Geophysics Applications" by Dr. S.K. Steve Chang, Schlumberger K.K., Japan was coordinated and organized by SPG at student sections of IIT Mumbai, BHU Varanasi and NGRI Hyderabad. The Mumbai Chapter of society organized one day workshop on "New and Emerging Technologies in June 2007. Then Jorhat Chapter organized a workshop and three lectures during this year on a range of topics like Ray-Tracing, Multi-component Seismics, and Reservoir Characterization. SEG EAGE sponsored Distinguished Instructor Short Course (DISC) on Concepts and Applications in 3D Seismic Imaging" by Dr. Biondo Biondi of Stanford University was organized by SPG on 24th October'07 at Chennai. This was a great success with large number of geoscientists participating in it. To further emphasize our commitment towards continuing education, an unprecedented seventeen Pre & Post conference courses are being organized during Hyderabad 2008. I am sure a large number of practicing geoscientists and students will be immensely benefited by these courses.

Continuing the strong relationship with EAGE and SEG, representatives from SPG, India participated in EAGE annual conference at London and SEG annual meeting at San Antonio during 2007. A talk on "Management of Matured Fields" was delivered by me at Asia Pacific Luncheon during the SEG annual meeting in September, 2007. Your society also sponsored two students to participate in SEG annual meeting at San Antonio. SPG delegation had a meeting with SEG executives to discuss the areas of mutual cooperation and SEG support for the society and received a very encouraging response from SEG particularly for Hyderabad2008.

Besides a strong technical programme and students programme (which includes a Job Fair) a large exposition and business programme is being put up. I encourage you to benefit from a strong spouse programme being organized. And then there will also be cultural extravaganza and gala dinners in the evenings. Now imagine all this happening in charming city of Hyderabad. Need I say more ?

Hoping to meet you all personally at Hyderabad.

  
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