

President's Page



Dear Members,

Season's Greetings!

Undoubtedly, the most important event of SPG in the near past was that of 10th Biennial International Conference and Exposition held at Kochi in Nov. 2013. In the personal front, it is my change of base from Baroda to Delhi following my superannuation from ONGC, where I had 36 years of proud association.

It would be an understatement to mention that KOCHI 2013 was an unmitigated success, in terms of scale, content, technical richness and participation. I can't help but carry a sense of pride and fulfillment for successfully staging a grand show along with my team. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you, who has been directly or indirectly associated with KOCHI 2013 in any capacity whatsoever, be it as a committee member, an author, a delegate or as one involved in the preparations at one stage or the other. Needless to mention, an event of this magnitude cannot be successful without the wholehearted involvement and participation of distinguished geoscientists from across the world, the various sponsors and the many exhibitors who put up booths in the grandiose Exposition. I would like to express my gratitude to each one of them for continually supporting SPG and its various events and richly contributing towards the success of the biennial showpiece which, directly and indirectly, contribute to the progress of exploration geosciences in India.

SPG as a society is now more than two decades old and has matured into a vibrant body, commendably playing its desired role of furthering the cause of geosciences, geophysics in particular, while also promoting knowledge dissemination amongst the geoscientists. Along with growth, comes challenges to sustain the growth and develop a robust enough system to propel the growth further. The organizational structure of the society and the constitutional framework within which it operates is vital to ensure that this pursuit happens effectively with a strong democratically elected body at the helm. The constitution drawn by the founding members has long called for a revamp, taking into account the gigantic growth SPG has seen in terms of reach, scale, membership, stakes and the scope to propagate Geophysics in our part of the world. Towards this end, a General Body Meeting was conducted on 26th April 2013 at Dehradun, where various laws and by-laws of the Constitution were discussed threadbare and a consensus evolved on certain changes that were deemed necessary in consonance with the changing times. Constitution and Bylaws of the society have thus been updated and put up to the town administration for acceptance. Later it would be made available in the SPG site for members' information and viewing.

You must have already noticed the cosmetic and functional changes of the SPG website to make your viewing and browsing experience not only more pleasurable but also more easy and productive. Kindly feel free to share your concerns and feedback with regard to SPG, in general, or any specific aspect of it through the Members' Interaction Forum that can be accessed by registered members through the Member Login section. Suggestions and constructive criticism shall be always welcome. I strongly urge to make use of the Profile Updating option available to registered members to update your basic details and contact information, so that our member database can be dynamically updated whenever there is a change in your location or contact details. Also look out for the Facebook link available on the top right corner of the home page to access our Facebook Page. Last but not the least, I earnestly hope all of you will find the array of technical papers being put up in this issue beneficial for your knowledge upgradation and potential application in your professional sphere.

Here's conveying my wishes to you and your families for good health and happiness. Stay blessed.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.K. Das'.

S.K. Das
President SPG, India