

Life Time Contribution to Petroleum Geophysics

B. S. Negi Convention Gold Medal Award

The Society of Petroleum Geophysicist, India, instituted in 2002 a Convention Gold Medal in memory and honour of a pioneering geophysicist of India and Chairman, ONGC, Shri B. S. Negi, who had served the nation by inducting geophysical prospecting for oil and gas exploration in India. The award, named after him, is given to eminent geophysicists for their life time contribution in Petroleum Geophysics in the country. SPG takes immense pleasure in recalling the services of these stalwarts. A brief summary of their citations is given below.

2002 K. N. Bhawe



Shri Kashi Nath Bhawe joined Oil & Natural Gas Commission in 1956 as Apprentice Geophysicist after obtaining his Master's degree in Physics from Agra University. His technical expertise, management skills and capabilities, made him the obvious choice of the ONGC management to lead its first seismic survey

vessel M. V. Anveshak in the year 1975 to acquire seismic and other geophysical data. During the year 1987, ONGC augmented its in-house seismic data processing capabilities by establishing Geodata Processing and Interpretation Centre (GEOPIC) at Dehradun and Shri K.N. Bhawe was again the obvious choice to lead the GEOPIC. Shri Bhawe has to his credit numerous outstanding contributions for the cause of profession of Petroleum Geophysics.

2004 A. M. Awasthi



Shri Anand Mohan Awasthi joined Assam Oil Company as Assistant Geophysicist in 1953 after obtaining his Master's Degree in Geophysics from Banaras Hindu University with a Gold Medal. He joined Oil & Natural Gas Commission in 1956 as a Geophysicist. Shri Awasthi was the

Chief Supervisor for seismic exploration in Iraq. He was a pioneer in introducing advanced techniques related to Exploration Geophysics in ONGC.

Shri Awasthi is an active member of Society of Exploration Geophysicists, USA since 1954 and was awarded Emeritus Member Status in 2001 by the Society. He is an

honorary member of the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, India from 2002.

In a professional career spanning around five decades, Shri Awasthi has made numerous outstanding contributions in the field of Petroleum Geophysics in India.

2006 Dr. Bimal Kumar Bose



Born on 30th May 1938, Dr. Bimal Kumar Bose obtained Master of Science in Geophysics in 1959 from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India, and was placed first in the order of merit. He obtained Ph.D. in Geophysics in 1995, also from BHU.

Dr. Bose joined Oil and Natural Gas Commission in 1959 as an Assistant Geophysicist. A rare blend of a scientist and a manager, he rose through his geophysical acumen and managerial genius to the prominence of the Head of Exploration Group in Bombay Regional Business Centre of ONGC from where he superannuated in June 1996.

Dr Bose received several corporate awards for his contribution towards organization in ONGC, published numerous papers and articles in international journals, and a book, "Architecturing Petroleum Exploration Investment and Efforts" in 1996.

2008 V. C. Mohan



Shri Vathyam Chandra Mohan did his Post Graduation in Applied Physics from Andhra University. He joined Oil & Natural Gas Commission in 1956 as a Geophysicist and served ONGC in different capacities in data acquisition, processing and interpretation. The first VSP

survey in India was conducted by him in 1959. Shri Mohan took leading role in setting up the first seismic data processing centre of ONGC with TIOPS in the premise of KDMIPE, Dehradun. He was elevated to the post of Regional Director in Southern Region of ONGC and played a crucial role in enhancing the productivity of crude oil and natural gas, seismic survey and deep drilling in his region.

SPG Lifetime Honorary Membership awardees

SPG, India also started awarding honorary life time memberships from 2002 to recognize lifetime contributions by Indian geoscientists. We recall with gratitude their achievements and list the names of the awardees below:

Honorary Membership Awardees 2002:

1. S.N. Talukdar, Ex-Member (Exploration), ONGC
2. R.C. Garg, Ex-GM, ONGC
3. D.N. Awasthi, Ex-Member (Personnel), ONGC
4. P.K. Kulkarni, Ex-GM, ONGC

Honorary Membership Awardees 2004

1. P.K. Chandra, Ex-Vice Chairman, ONGC
2. Laxman Singh, Ex-Director(IRS), ONGC
3. K.R. Shenai, Ex-GGM(Expl), ONGC
4. V.C. Mohan, Ex-RD(Expl), ONGC

Honorary Membership Awardees 2006:

1. T.K.N. Gopaldaswamy, Ex-Director (Exploration), ONGC
2. Kuldeep Chandra, Ex-Executive Director, ONGC
3. D.K. Gupta, Ex-GM, ONGC
4. N.C. Nanda, Ex-GM, ONGC