

Letter to the Editor

The Society of Petroleum Geophysicist (SPG) has been actively working for the growth of Geoscience in India for the past many years by organizing various activities such as International petroleum conference, distinguished lecture programme, etc. SPG has also given many opportunities to students to improve their academic standard by interacting with the hydrocarbon industry to learn about new technologies and their industrial applications. The Job fair of SPG in its 5th conference at Calcutta, 2006, was a tremendous opportunity for a large number of students who want to step into the Geophysical Industry. 'Thankfulness' to such a big offer cannot be merely expressed through words, but still I wish to convey this through this letter to SPG. I hope that such Job fairs would be continued in the forthcoming years. It is a great platform for students to show their talents and skills and to avail of good opportunities for work. At the same time, the petroleum sector is also being benefited by induction of fresh, dynamic and talented Geoscientists as new asset to various companies.

Being a young Geoscientist, I have some expectations on SPG for the betterment of young and rising Geoscientists and suggest the following:

- 1) Organize lectures / Seminars in Institutes and Universities on the latest technologies in the geophysical industry, like Multi-component Seismic, Reservoir Characterization, AVO, Near-surface Geophysics etc. This is necessary since there are a lot many topics in geophysics which are not covered in the academic curriculum, but used in the industry.
- 2) Start SPG sponsored scholarships for talented candidates to promote quality research. This is necessary because a large segment of students coming from the middle class, who would be interested in pursuing research, are unable to do so for financial reasons and go for something which gives them immediate earnings. Offering scholarships to deserving students will go a long way not only in fulfilling their academic aspirations, but also in enhancing the quality of research in India.

I hope SPG will consider my suggestions for the benefit of rising generation of Geoscientists in India in the coming years.

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