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Dear friends!

This is the first issue of Geohorizons after our 6th International Conference and Exposition on Petroleum Geophysics, 'Kolkata-2006'. The conference was held for the first time under enhanced level-III+ support from SEG, USA for technical and organizational enrichment. The event, attended by more than 1200 delegates including over 200 delegates from abroad, got wide appreciation for its content. Society's efforts of promoting Geophysics among the school children and first of its kind, 'job fair' for the students of Geophysics were specially appreciated by the Geophysical community. The event was also marked by highest number of technical presentations, highest number of exhibitors in the Exposition and maximum number of pre & post conference continuing education programme. President (Elect) of SEG and President EAGE both participated in the conference. With the success of the event, we are encouraged to do even better in future events.

The society has made its presence felt across the world. There is a much closer interaction with SEG and EAGE and we are developing a stronger relationship with national and international societies. Dr. C.H. Mehta, Vice President of SPG, India attended a meeting of South Australian branch of ASEG, Australia and his interaction with ASEG has led to opening of more avenues of cooperation between the two societies. In fact, an association agreement between ASEG and SPG was signed for promoting the common goals and objectives on 4th July, 2006 at Melbourne. Mr. M.B. Singh, Vice President of the society and Mr. K. Sridhar from Ahmedabad Chapter attended the ASEG Conference at Melbourne during 2-6 July, 2006. Earlier two representatives from the society, Mr. S. Akhtar and Mr. R.C.P. Saxena participated in recently concluded EAGE's annual conference at Vienna during 12-15 June, 2006. At the domestic level also, the interaction between different professional bodies is increasing. A joint event by APG and SPG, India was organized at Mumbai on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Peter R. Rose, President, AAPG, USA.

On continuing education front also, the society has been pretty active, two lectures, one on Geologic evolution of plates through Geochemistry by Prof. Edward G Lidiak of University of Pittsburg and another by Dr. J.G.O. Vermeer on Designing templates for wide azimuth surveys with a focus on optimal imaging were arranged at Dehradun on 3rd and 9th March 2006, respectively. NE Chapter Jorhat arranged a field trip for the ONGC officers posted at Head Quarters to witness the seismic operations by a Geophysical field party. SPG also sponsored a field trip, 'cognizance' organized by the students of IIT, Roorkee.

The elections for a new body for the 3rd term 2006-08 have been completed in almost all chapters and the new bodies have taken charge. We hope to see many interesting and meaningful activities by all the chapters of SPG. As the society draws its strength from its members, I urge all new regional bodies to give a fresh momentum to the membership drive. Mumbai chapter is doing a good job for expanding the membership base and I hope all other chapters will follow the lead.

SPG is going to have a new student chapter soon. It is all set to open a new student chapter at IIT, Mumbai. A formal inauguration is expected to take place soon.

Now let's talk of Geohorizons. The new editorial team under the chief editorship of Dr. C.H. Mehta has taken charge of affairs of the journal and the present issue of Geohorizons has a new flavour, which I am sure, you will like. Apart from quality technical papers, a number of new features have been introduced. One of the features, 'Tutorial' introduced in this issue of Geohorizons, is aimed to provide fundamental concepts on some basic but tricky geophysical issues. I hope you will find the features useful and interesting. Please let us know your reactions on this issue. It's your journal and your feedback is very important to ensure its quality. Also, I would request all of you to contribute through your articles and features for constant enrichment of Geohorizons.

Happy reading!


(Apurba Saha)