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This is the first issue of “Geohorizons” after the resounding success of *Hyderabad2010*; the 8th Biennial International Conference & Exposition on Petroleum Geophysics. The conference turned out to be a major geophysical event in India and was attended by over 1550 delegates from all over the world (excluding more than 500 participants who attended Pre/Post conference Workshop). More than 300 overseas delegates participated in the conference. In addition to a very well attended exposition and technical program, there were many exclusive programs for students viz. Students’ Quiz. Students’ Forum etc. For the first time a Quiz for school going students was also organized.

Hyderabad2010, like previous conferences, had full support of SEG, USA and EAGE, Netherlands. Mr. Stephen J. Hill, President, SEG and Mr. Mahmoud Abdulbaqi, President, EAGE were the guests of honor at many conference events.

Today, the industry is at cross roads due to challenges like, volatility of business, rising costs, replenishment of depleting reserves, production from matured fields, environment protection and finding new prospects in difficult and hostile locales. Meanwhile the demand of petroleum products in developing economies is increasing at a faster rate. The technology and the innovative minds will, thus, be in demand to mitigate these challenges. A large percentage of energy demand has to be met with increased production from existing assets and also to add reserves from basins to sustain the energy needs. The task is not easy and there is no *one-size-fits-all* solution. This should spur the geoscientists of today and students, the Geoscientists of tomorrow, to seek information continuously and consistently as there is no end to knowledge, innovation and exploration.

One of the major events of the conference was Global Affairs Committee (GAC) meet, this included opening of the Joint Program Office (JPO) with SEG, USA at Mumbai. President, SPG, India also proposed for a joint workshop of SEG, EAGE and SPG on challenging issues in E&P sector in India, which was agreed in principle and planned tentatively for 2011.

The pressing need of bringing out Geohorizons regularly with quality content has been perennial. I once again exhort all of you to share your knowledge and experience in the pages of Geohorizons. As in the past, outstanding contributors will continue to be recognized by the society.


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