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Season's Greetings to SPGians !!

It gives me immense pleasure to write my maiden address to all the SPG members after taking over the responsibility of President SPG India. At this nostalgic moment, I recollect the initial days when few dreamers of geoscience fraternity of ONGC sowed the seeds of a technical forum to bring together geoscientists across India and provide them a common platform to share and exchange ideas and experiences. The forum was given a name “SPG”- Society of Petroleum Geophysicists. I was privileged to be part of that team and now taking this prestigious responsibility. Over last two decades, this forum has grown remarkably and achieved the recognition in international E & P industry. We acknowledge the stellar contribution made by past Presidents and office bearers to take SPG to this height. SPG was successful in all its past endeavours due to active participation of members and continued support from E&P industry.

Over the years, the activities of SPG has grown multi fold and it has been affiliated with Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) & European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE). Every year, various programs like DISC, DL and workshops on special topics etc. sponsored by SEG & EAGE are hosted by SPG and conducted at different local and student chapters. Over the years, efforts have been made by SPG and its local (9) and student chapters (14) to organize various technical programs round the year. Efforts have been made to involve maximum number of students in these activities.

GEOHORIZONS is the true culmination of efforts of sharing technical ideas and experiences. In the past, the various topics particularly those which benefit majority were incorporated in GEOHORIZONS. In the present scenario, the ever growing energy need with fast depleting conventional resources have forced geoscientists to look for unconventional. The success of USA and other countries in exploration and exploitation of shale gas has prompted everyone in energy industry to think, plan and encourage the right efforts in this direction. In Indian context, feasibility of shale gas exploration has begun. We are hopeful that soon shale gas exploration policies from Govt. of India will be announced. A workshop on Shale Gas exploration to exploitation was conducted under the aegis of SPG at NGRI Hyderabad in December, 2012. From the outcome of this workshop, it was felt prudent to take out the GEOHORIZONS first issue of this year specially addressing Shale Gas Exploration to Exploitation.

I take this opportunity to invite you to attend 10th Biennial International Conference & Exposition being organized by Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG) India at Le Meridien Convention Centre, Kochi, Kerala, India, during 23-25 November, 2013. The theme of the biennial conference and exposition conference is “*Changing Landscape in Geophysical Innovations*”. The importance of innovations in defining the landscape of E&P industry is paramount. Kochi 2013 will surely provide a platform to network for innovations .

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Subrata Kumar Das'.

Subrata Kumar Das
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