

Report: SEG Challenge Bowl Finals at SEG-Colorado-USA

Thanks to SPG-India; this year I got the chance to participate in the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) - International Exposition held at Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado, USA during 25 to 29 October 2014-USA. As a winner of debate completion held at SPG- 10th Biennial International Conference & Exposition held at Kochi-India during 23 to 25 November-2013, I was sponsored by SPG-India to participate in challenge Bowl Finals at SEG, Colorado Exposition representing India.

Mr Soumya Chandan Panda from ISM Dhanbad was my team partner. It was a really wonderful experience for me as it was also my first trip abroad. It gave me a very nice opportunity to interact with students and industrialists from different parts of the world.

The Challenge Bowl Finals consisted of University teams of six to eight, each consisting of two players, duke it out in a pair of three round heats, to see which three teams will advance to the final round and victory. The heat started with a “free for all” round, where questions were comparatively less challenging and no penalties were imposed for wrong answers. The second round allows only half of the contestants to answer before getting locked out, and penalizing with wrong answers with point deductions. And in the third “short snappers” round, only two answers are possible and the first team to answer wins the points,



Challenger Bowl at SEG- Colorado in progress

provided the answer is correct. It was no ordinary game show and the contenders can never be sure what aspect of their geo-scientific knowledge will undergo test. Moreover there was treacherous wording of the questions which tests the sharpness of the contenders senses. The Polish team who were toppers of the first heat later came out victorious in the finals.

Another two events organised for students by SEG on the same day were the “Resume Writing Workshop” and the “Student Networking Event.” The resume writing workshop was intended for the fresh graduates who are looking for good positions in the industry. Detailed explanations on what the HR sections of the companies are looking for and the kind of mistakes that students usually make while writing a resume, were clarified in the workshop.

The Student networking event was meant to provide students an opportunity to meet Industry recruiters in a relaxed atmosphere. It was an exciting evening with networking, food and fun.

Overall the events were great experience for me and similar were the views of my partner. I sincerely thank SPG-India for the sponsorship and the delegation without which I couldn't have had any possibility to go to this kind of exposure.



Indian Team at Challenger Bowl SEG-Colorado