

## SPG, Hyderabad Regional Chapter Organizes Annual Meeting-2012-2013

The annual meeting (2012-2013) of the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, Hyderabad Chapter was held at the premises of CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad on July 20, 2013. Dr. Bijendra Singh, President of the Chapter formally welcomed the members to the meeting. Appreciating the efforts and progress of SPG activities at Hyderabad Chapter, Dr. Singh mentioned the new gesture initiated by the Chapter in organizing a family get-together along with the general body meeting.

Prof. Mrinal K. Sen, Patron of the Chapter and Director, CSIR-NGRI emphasized the need for propagation of geophysical exploration through increased participation of student members and organization of short courses and workshops at institute level. Deriving inspiration from Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), USA, Prof. Sen mentioned its outreach activities targeted to high school and college students and guiding them through various innovative research projects. He suggested that the SPG Hyderabad Chapter could take up similar activities, which could bring awareness about the indispensable relationship of energy, science and society. He encouraged the members to submit papers on geophysical exploration and allied areas to the Society's journal 'GEOHORIZONS' and proposed to publish a special issue on geophysical exploration including seismic, gravity, magnetotelluric, shallow surface geophysics, geothermal and unconventional energy resources by NGRI scientists and students and requested Dr Bijendra Singh to coordinate and set a time limit for submission of manuscripts.

Dr. V.P. Dimri, Distinguished Scientist, CSIR-NGRI, addressed the gathering and appreciated the activities of the SPG Hyderabad Chapter. He emphasized the need for participation and involvement of the scientists and students in the annual conferences and exhibitions of SPG. Dr. Dimri

asked the researchers to present key scientific results in the form of papers / posters at the SPG Biennial Conference to be held in Kochi in November. He also suggested that local chapter workshops should be organized regularly as part of SPG activities. He noted with happiness the significant increase in membership during the past two years and sought everyone's contribution to raise the membership to about 100 by the next year.

Dr. Sukanta Roy, Secretary of the Chapter presented a brief Annual Report of activities. Notable among them were:

- (i) Successfully organizing the International Workshop on 'Exploration and Exploitation of Shale Gas', held at CSIR-NGRI during 19-20 December, 2012 that attracted six international delegates as well as several national delegates representing the major organizations / Institutes / Companies engaged in shale gas exploration and exploitation. Dr Roy recorded the appreciation by members for the generous support provided by Shri S.K. Das, President, SPG, India to host the International Workshop.
- (ii) Hosting the SEG-South and East Asia 2013 Honorary Lecture by Shri D.P. Sinha on 'Earth Velocity *Estimation Bridge the Gap of Interdependency between Geology and Geophysics*' on April 16, 2013.

Dr. A.M. Dayal, Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. Ajay Manglik, President Student Chapter, NGRI Hyderabad gave suggestions for encouraging the student participation in SPG events.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by the Vice President of the Chapter, Dr. Kalachand Sain.



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