

News Letter – December 2003

AAPG European Region

This is a Newsletter from the Board of the AAPG European Region to you as an Active AAPG member in Europe. The Newsletter is based on a summary of the telephone meetings that will be held monthly within the board. The board consists of president, vice-president, secretary, past president and president-elect. The European Country Team Leaders and the Advisory Council representative will also be invited to participate. The following is a summary of last meeting held by the Board of AAPG European Region.

Participants:

- Sigrunn Johnsen, AAPG European Region President (RWE Dea Norway)
- François Roure, AAPG European Region Secretary (IFP, France)
- Andrew Hurst, AAPG European Region Advisory Council representative
- Steven Veal, AAPG European Region Consultant

1) European Countries Team Leaders (CTL):

The Board wish to have regular contacts with all team leaders. Sigrunn will soon contact each CTL in order to improve communication between them and the Board within the European Region. The Board will encourage the CTL's to help increasing the number of AAPG members, publicizing the benefit of the AAPG membership among young colleagues, organizing the Visiting Geologists Programmes among other things. The European Region wish also to motivate the CTL's to propose additional Hedberg Conferences in Europe with the objective of potentially having an annual AAPG European Region meeting in the future. The European Region will organize formal meetings with CTL's during AAPG conferences to be held in Prague in 2004 and in Paris in 2005, in order to meet "face to face" and define our long term strategies as needs for Student Chapters and CTL committees and so on. **NB! Students get free AAPG memberships thanks to sponsorship by Halliburton.**

2) AAPG European Region Conference in Prague; October 10-13, 2004:

A phone meeting was organized on December 4th with the European Board (Sigrunn, François), AAPG International Officer, Brenda Cunningham, the organizers of the Prague conference (Vlasta, Jana and Olin in Prague, and Juraj in Utah), and Steering Committee member, Dirk. This conference will cover both regional and thematic topics, with a joint symposium with the Geological Society of America (GSA) on Russia.

Information regarding this conference is now located on the AAPG web site:

www.aapg.org/meetings/prague04/. Call for abstract will be ready soon.

3) AAPG International Conference in Paris, September 11-14, 2005:

This conference will be held in Paris at the CNIT in La Défense. Local organizing committee met with Dana Patterson Free and Steph Benton from AAPG on December 4th at Total in La Défense to discuss details.

4) Hedberg Conference in Vienna:

The Hedberg Conference in Vienna has been re-scheduled for July 11-14, 2004.

5) European Distinguished Lecturer:

Pr. Wolfgang Schlager just finished his European Distinguished Lecture tour (November 10-December 3, 2003), which included lectures in UK (universities of Durham and Liverpool), Denmark (Geological Society in Copenhagen), Norway (university of Oslo), France (IFP in Rueil), Italy (university of Parma), Spain (Association de Geologos y Geofisicos Espanoles del Petroleo in Madrid), and Germany (University of Potsdam).

6) Short paper in the Explorer:

Andrew are currently working on a short note to be published in the AAPG Explorer, summarizing the current activities, hopes and scopes of the European International Region.

We on the AAPG European Region Board hope that you find this update on AAPG activities in Europe useful. We plan to submit similar Newsletters about 8 to 10 times a year and would appreciate input and comments from you the AAPG European members.

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