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Carol Lucas, Editor

Message from Chairman

by Mike Lakin
Vice President, European Region

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE 'European COMMUNICATION is the key'

I'm delighted to have an opportunity to write you a short note, as the European Region Deputy President, in this the third AAPG European Region newsletter and on behalf of the European Executive Committee. My opportunity is the result of an extended trip by our President Mr John Brooks after attending the very successful AAPG International Conference in Perth Australia.

PAST: I have to admit, looking back at the AAPG's forward thinking decision to expand its sights globally and engage more autonomous region involvement all seemed so simple. A regional focused group to lead to regional growth and involvement! I'm pleased to say it is working but it is still at an early stage who's progress might not yet be obvious to all European AAPG members.

PRESENT: In this regard 'COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY' and this, only the third edition of the European Newsletter, is clear evidence of steps forward. Communication should always be two ways, both along and across, as well as up and down between you and your elected European committee and Europe and AAPG HQ in Tulsa! In essence that means YOU. We are YOUR servants as elected AAPG committee members.

I would like to share some of the key goals found in the European Region's

Business Plan that we see as critical to our success in achieving what we would like for the European Members and growth of the region's ability to serve its European Geologists:

- i. Increase regional membership and its involvement.
- ii. Develop a regional identity that is recognized by the oil and gas industry, acknowledging and encompassing its rich and variety of cultures covered by the region.
- iii. Establish the new AAPG European Office (set up in London August this year) creating a focal point of contact, assistance and source of specific Regional direction for its European Region Members
- iv. Provide a fiscally sound budget, detailing all expected, budgeted, and real costs for operating the Regional Council.
- v. Hold an annual / biannual 'European Regional Conference'
- vi. Continue to enhance regular and concise 'Communication' with its members including a). the regional newsletter every three (3) months, b). Explore the concept of an independent European Region website and, c). creation of a European Membership Database for efficient email communications
- vii. Plan and implement an active education and seminar programme
- viii. Encourage its membership to actively participate in its activities and ensure it listens to consensus of membership opinion
- ix. Actively promote useful international AAPG products and services at industry

John Dolson AAPG Vice President



ICE (International Conference and Exhibitions): John Hogg Conference discussions on track.

Issues to begin discussing: Concern exists around how to structure relationships with the International Regions Committee (IRC) for efficient co-operation regarding local Region conferences.

Example 1: 2007 local Russia conference in Tyumen organized by Rosnedro but with AAPG/SEG participation. What should it be called and how structured to avoid competing with ICE conferences?

Example 2: What is the status of discussions regarding rotating ICE conferences every two years and having multiple local Region conferences in intervening years?

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events, functions, and programmes.

x. Provide an opportunity for AAPG divisions to publicize their activities and advantages to members.

xi. Provide regional representation on all key committees of the AAPG, including but not limited to dues, meetings, membership, and communication.

xii. Develop a plan for establishing AAPG regional operations and benefits on a smaller more local basis within the region, perhaps in time by country.

Please do let us know your views, news and ideas on these goals and if there is anything else that may have been missed. Also if there is a way we can assist in progressing a local initiative which helps achieve these aims which in turn helps its members PLEASE SPEAK UP. We are also always looking for appropriate candidates and volunteers so if you fancy participating in the growth of the European Region please do not hesitate to shout!

In this regard, please feel free to communicate any thoughts and ideas by email with any of or all three of the following in the first instance:

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FUTURE: What have we have achieved for the future? Quite a lot behind the scenes actually:

1. Planning is now well advanced for a European Region Conference in Athens scheduled for the 17th – 20th November 2007. This follows the first very successful European Conference in Prague in 2004 and the Carbonate conference earlier this year in Majorca. European Region Office: The AAPG has established and London regional office which is an extension of Tulsa's ability to serve,

direct and administer within the region. The new office is currently managed by Steve Veal (who was the AAPG's VP last year 2005/6) and with one other part time assistant in process of being identified, the European Region and its members will in increasingly benefit from this new focal point initiative.

2. Four AAPG educational training programmes are being planned for 2007
3. Quarterly 'Members Meetings' are being scheduled in four separate cities within the region
4. Newsletter & Website: It is hoped that this publication will evolve and grow with an independent website to assist in COMMUNICATION.

There are plenty of other things being developed behind the scenes and as a volunteer committee progressing a new entity it always takes time and patience. No different from the time it takes to build firm foundations of a tall building. It takes months before the new building appears above ground then next time one looks it's finished. With out proper foundations the building will for ever be unstable.

I hope this brief article helps to outline my view of where we are and where we hope to take the European Region in the near and mid term future. The efforts being made can only be truly successful with you and other members involvement! Please COMMUNICATE your thoughts and Ideas. With your involvement, the AAPG's European Region Committee looks forward to serving you better.

This leaves me only to wish you, on behalf of the European Region, a successful year end to 2006, restful and festive season and a happy new year linked to a hope you will participate in the European Region's activities in 2007.

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IRC (John Kaldi):

Important IRC meeting upcoming in Perth and early feedback indicates all Regions will have strong leadership representation.

Major focus will be placed on formation

of high level Industry/Academia advisory councils in each region.

New Activity:

Canada: Nothing to update

Africa: Nothing to update

Asia/Pacific: Nothing to update

Latin America: Nothing to update

Middle East: Nothing to update

Europe:

Quarterly newsletter a huge success thanks to Carol Lucas

Posamentier lecture tour highly successful (over 600 attendees in Russia alone). Smaller but high quality turnout in eastern Europe, Paris. Slide-packs donated to at least 3 Universities for teaching purposes.

London office: Gubkin University (Russia) has accepted the challenge to participate in the Imperial College/AAPG barrel award competition.

Industry/Academia Advisory Council: Istán Bérczi is well on his way to organizing a significant advisory board for the European Region of 20 + companies and Universities.

Russia events:

1. SPE International conference drew 1850 people over 4 days.

a. Noticeably absent: Gasprom and Rosnet

b. Steve Veal manned AAPG booth with student volunteers. Booth was small, unimpressive and lacking the ability to sell books, just put them on display. No copies of the Explorer were provided and this booth should be upgraded to represent this organization better. Despite this, there was strong interest in AAPG.

2. Istán Bérczi visits

a. Successful meetings at Gubkin University

b. Successful meeting with ROSGEO at Chevron Office to begin discussion around a local 2008 conference "3P"—Polar Petroleum Potential. A committee is forming and recommendations moving forward to the EC.

3. Tyumen conference (Sept. 2007) –East meets West theme:

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- a. Organizing meeting held with Rosnedro, Rosneft, Lukhoil, TNK-BP, Shell. Forming organizing committee in November with strong Russian leadership. General venue, topics agreed upon.
- b. Technical program committee to form in December.4.

Interesting developments

- a. Tyumen University is testing a remote multiple Industry and Video conference for students on Monday, Oct. 3. JD will participate from Moscow representing both AAPG and TNK-BP. Joint papers also being presented from Germany. Could be an interesting venue for future small video-conferences with AAPG involvement.
- b. Student membership growing: 37 more members at Gubkin, anticipate another 35+ at MSU on Monday
- i. First Student Chapter web page developed
- ii. Discussion on student chapter in St. Petersburg and Tyumen initiated.
- c. TNK-BP to sponsor Tyumen U., Gubkin, MSU for one year Datapages subscription.
- d. Monthly meetings:
 - i. Agreement reached with SEG/EAGE to hold 2 evening talks monthly and 24 monthly 'lunch and learn' for students.
 - ii. Multi-industry funding for these talks and lunches is being obtained. More speakers needed.

Issues which have been raised:

Funding: AAPG funding at \$5000 per region seems low. Some discussion of raising funding to \$20,000 level. It is difficult to sponsor events (like with students) if multiple schools are involved (i.e.—Europe/Russia alone could have 10 schools which brings funding to about \$500 per school—not much).

Awards: A lot of talk generated by Herman Darman around creating local awards. The AAPG awards committee does a fine job globally, but many, many volunteers locally get little to no recommendation. The IRC will study making a recommendation with Carol McGowen on a number of local awards to be given

annually in each Region.

Membership: Latin America region has once again noted that dues are too high. They point to an aging leadership that is losing interest in participation as they approach retirement combined with an inability of young geoscientists to afford dues as a primary barrier to growth.

Local Meetings: As with the ICE, clarification is sought regarding communicating the nature and frequency of local meetings.

Publications Pipeline (Rick Wall): Nothing to report.

Distinguished Lecture International (Gregor Eberli): 2007 Nominations circulated and being voted upon.

Technical Advisory Committee (Pinar Yilmaz): Clarification again sought on relationship of local conferences to ICE and improving communication on upcoming local events.

AAPG MEMOIR 84 - THE CARPATHIANS AND THEIR FORELAND: GEOLOGY AND HYDROCARBON RESOURCES

Edited by
J. Golonka and F.J. Picha

This volume of 30 chapters, authored by 107 geologists and geophysicists from Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the U.S.A., provides a comprehensive and understandable account on geology and hydrocarbon resources of the entire Carpathian system from northeastern Austria to southern Romania, including the Neogene foredeep, the foreland platform both in front and beneath the thrust belt, the Carpathian thrust belt and the late and post orogenic intermontane basins.

Principal chapters on regional geology are supplemented by thematic contributions on geodynamic reconstructions, regional geophysical investigations, hydrocarbon systems, and case studies of major oil and gas fields. To date, close

to 7 billion barrels of oil and more than 53 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been produced from the entire Carpathian system. Additional new reserves may be found, especially at deeper structural levels below the Neogene foredeep and the thin-skinned Carpathian thrust belt. The publication is intended as a source of information to schools, governmental and private institutions, oil companies, and potential investors.

Educational Posters

by

Jonny Hesthammer, UiB, Bergen, Norway, and Francisco Porturas, ScanViz, Stavanger, Norway

Subsurface Integration - The Fifth Dimension: A Case Study From the Gullfaks Field, Northern North Sea

In order to fully understand the structural reservoir characteristics, it is necessary to integrate results from detailed analysis of core data, dipmeter data, image data, well log correlation data, seismic data and field analogue data. Such an integrated approach will allow for a fuller understanding of the variations in fluid flow patterns within the reservoir, optimal placing of wells and optimized well completions.

We present an example of integrated analysis carried out on the Gullfaks Field, Northern North Sea. In this case study, dipmeter data (here exemplified by the use of resistivity imaging data) from well 34/10-B-12 and seismic data helped in finding the orientation of a fault associated with 69 m of missing section (as observed from well log correlation data). Core data from the well allowed for examination of deformation structures as well as permeability and porosity measurements. From thin section analysis it is possible to observe how phyllosilicates effectively seal the micro-fractures (deformation bands), thus restricting fluid flow across the fractures. Core data demonstrates that all faults in the sandstone reservoir on the Gullfaks Field are

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Events & Meetings

ATHENS Conference November 25 - 28 2007

The European Region of AAPG is organizing a large international conference in Athens, Greece, in November 2007, covering the petroleum geology of the Circum-Mediterranean, Middle East and the Caspian. Also key areas and hot spots outside this region will be included. Website available soon at www.aapg.org/Athens.

This is a call for papers. Abstracts are due January 25, 2007.

The object is to co-operate with other AAPG regions and have a large exhibition of 1000 to 2000 participants at the conference. Participation from national and major oil companies is essential.

The conference venue will be in the fantastic Megaron facilities in the centre of Athens.

The main slogan for the conference is: Challenge our myths. See the ad below.

Each co-chairman and speaker is encouraged to make their own interpretation of this slogan and incorporate it into presentations. By challenging myths there may be rewards but also risks – as many of us has experienced in our work as geoscientists in the petroleum industry.

tists in the petroleum industry.

The conference should attract professionals from the various AAPG Regions because it will facilitate integration and transfer of knowledge. For the areas with special industry interest a majority of the talks will emphasis one or more of the following elements:

- 1) Field case histories
- 2) Exploration status and opportunities
- 3) Challenge our myths

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Mark your calendar for March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd for the 5th annual APPEX Prospect and Property Exhibition and Conference in London. This superb program is the International Upstream Business Conference in London, with the best in international prospect exhibits and upstream activity presentations.

This year, changes are rapidly growing the event.

We welcome the AAPG International Pavilion program to APPEX. This IP brings national oil companies from all over the world to participate and exhibit at APPEX, increasing the diversity and opportunity presented in the program. In the past, the IP exhibitors at other AAPG programs have included China, Nigeria, Columbia, Indonesia, a multitude of companies for the Middle East and Asia.

For APPEX the IP is planning a large presentation giving you the opportunity to network with key international upstream executives.

The APPEX program has moved to the Royal Lancaster Hotel. Though we thank the IBIS for their past hospitality, the change in venue is to make it easier for you to attend in a comfortable business

atmosphere.

We welcome a new short course program from Dr. Peter Rose on Assessing Risk in Exploration Prospects. This innovative short course presentation can be added to your APPEX experience but register early as a course by Dr. Rose is a high demand event.

Finally, we welcome an expanded ABN Amro Financial Forum for the first day afternoon presentation. The forum offers the latest in fiancé information, advice, and programs in securing and providing funding for exploration activities in the UK.

The conference will include industry presentations from Europe, Latina

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America, SE Asia, the Middle East, Australia, and a special session on the future of exploration in Africa.

-Prospects Are Sold Here-

Register to attend or reserve on the limited number of exhibition booths are <http://apex.aapg.org> or contact the Peggy Prior at the AAPG at 001-918-584-2555.

4TH INTERNATIONAL LIMNOGEOLOGY CONGRESS (ILIC 2007) Barcelona, 11th-14th July 2007 www.ilic2007.com

by
Lluís Cabrera

The 4th International Limnogeology Congress (ILIC-2007) will be held in Barcelona, 11th-14th July 2007. This event is the continuation of a congress series dealing with the multidisciplinary, holistic study of ancient and recent lacustrine basin systems and ecosystems. The ILICs congresses seek to provide a periodic updated overview of the state of knowledge on lacustrine records and of different methodological approaches such as Stratigraphy, Sedimentology, Geochemistry, Structural Geology, Paleogeography, Paleoclimatology, and so on, all of them related with the Paleolimnology, in addition to trying to approach the lacustrine systems in an integrative catchment to basin approach.

The previous congresses were held in Denmark (1995), France (1998) and United States (2003) with a large scientific success. The ILICs are promoted by the International Association of Limnogeology (IAL), a scientific organization created in 1995 stimulate the relationships between the researchers studying the lacustrine records from different points of view.

Limnogeology is an emergent multidisciplinary

plined with a significant development all over the world. Its interests focus on academic aspects (evolution of complex systems, sedimentary rocks formed by interaction between Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere and Biosphere continental surfaces, and ancient paleoclimatic records) as well as on immediate socio-economic interests (records of recent climate changes, prospect and development of oil and/or gas plays, coal deposits, mineral resources and raw materials; water supply; landscape and geologic heritage).

The Organizing Committee of the congress includes Spanish researchers from different Earth Sciences disciplines from several universities, research centers and the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME). The Steering and the Scientific Committees are composed of relevant researchers from 16 countries.

The planned activities of the 4th International Limnogeology Congress comprise guest plenary lectures by some selected researchers, workshops, and oral and poster contributions from the rest of the attendees. In this new edition of ILIC, oral and poster sessions will be a part of the main organizational framework, organized in symposia coordinated by specialists. Furthermore, field trips (pre and post-congress) showing the results of the study of ancient and recent lacustrine records in different geological provinces of the NE and S of Spain and/or the development of new techniques will be carried out.

We look forward having the opportunity to meet you in ILIC 2007, in Barcelona, just at the edge of the Mediterranean, a small sea that some times became nearly a lake. The "Mare Nostrum" that we would like to share with all of you, friends coming along with us from North, South, East and West.

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EAGC October 9-10, 2007

DIARY DATE:

Event: EAGC - The 22nd Annual European Autumn Gas Conference
Venue: Swissôtel Düsseldorf, Germany
Dates: 9-10 October 2007
Further information: www.theeagc.com and info@theeagc.com
Organisers: dmg world media (uk) ltd

EAGC 2007 – HEADS TO GERMANY
Bringing together the world's leading gas experts and policymakers to discuss

strategic issues affecting the future of the gas industry in Europe the 22nd EAGC - the European Autumn Gas Conference - Europe's longest running annual gas conference, will be held in Germany in 2007. It will be hosted by E.ON Ruhrgas and held at the Swissôtel Düsseldorf on 9 and 10 October 2007.

EAGC has built a formidable reputation over the years. It is held in the autumn of each year to review the previous year and discuss strategies for the year ahead, and is renowned for its interactive panel

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discussions and high-level of networking.

The first EAGC was held in 1986 in Geneva. Since then the annual event has been staged in Paris, Milan, Leeds Castle (UK), Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Venice, Brugge, Cologne, Edinburgh, Noordwijk, Florence, Prague, Barcelona and London. This year's event in Cannes has attracted in excess of 450 key players from 28 countries to debate highly topical issues and take a look into the future

"The success of the EAGC over the years is largely to do with choice of a highly relevant location, and the total involvement of its host organisation," explains event director, Tony Stephenson of organisers dmg world media (UK) Ltd. "Germany is a very logical choice for EAGC 2007, not only is it the second largest gas market in Europe, but it is an important transit country for Russian gas. There are a number of key topical issues that make the time right for Germany to host EAGC – market liberalization and regulation; the emergence of virtual trading points; the ongoing debate about security of supply; the possibility of Germany becoming an LNG importer; and the ambition of German key players to extend their reach and playing field to a truly European scale. E.ON Ruhrgas as an important player in this market is already working with us on arrangements for EAGC 2007. We are looking forward to a stimulating year working with them to ensure the success of next year's event.

"We are looking forward to welcoming EAGC delegates to Düsseldorf next autumn," says Dr. Jochen Weise, Member of the Executive board of E.ON Ruhrgas. "Competition in the German gas market is becoming increasingly fierce. E.ON Ruhrgas is taking an active part in this development by providing our customers with new value propositions and by promoting new channels of trades in Germany like virtual trading points."

With natural gas send out in 2005

totalling about 690 billion kWh, E.ON Ruhrgas is one of the largest gas companies in Europe. It purchases gas on a long-term basis from sources in Germany and abroad for delivery to distribution companies, industrial consumers and power stations in Germany and increasingly also in other European countries. Since March 2003, E.ON Ruhrgas has been a full member of the E.ON Group with overall responsibility for the pan-European Gas business. The 2006 event has certainly built on the success of its predecessors.

EAGC 2006 has been taking place at the Cannes Hilton. Following a day of highly topical sessions and presentations, last night saw the Gaz de France hosted Gala Dinner take place at the spectacular Château de La Napoule. GasTV coverage will ensure that highlights of EAGC 2006 are seen shortly by the global gas industry.

Further information on all aspects of EAGC 2007 will be available shortly on the conference website at www.theeagc.com and constantly updated throughout the year. It is also available from EAGC 2007, dmg world media (UK) Ltd, Westgate House, 120/130 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1ET UK. Tel: +44 (0)1737 855000; Fax: +44 (0)1737 855482; Email: info@theeagc.com

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European Region

AAPG European Office



by
Steve Veal, Office Manager

The AAPG office for the Europe Region is now up and running. The Location is Room 147. Royal Schools of Mines, Imperial College, South Kensington, London. See a picture of the front entrance above. To contact the office the hours are Tues & Thurs 09:00 to 17:00.

The office is based on providing regional members services and information on all AAPG activities and programs, both within Europe and internationally. As a regional resource, members and non-members alike can contact the office to obtain information on conventions, education programs, student programs, and publications. The office is focussed as a regional logistical resource and can provide details on the programs and activities from the APG Europe Region Council.

The office is also an extension of AAPG

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Currently, the office is open Tuesday and Thursday, from 09:00 to 17:00. It's located in Room G22, at the Royal School of Mines, Department of Earth Science & Engineering, South Kensington Campus, Imperial College, London, SW& 2AZ. Entrance is from the Exhibition road entrance to the College.

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INVITATION AAPG GENERAL MEETING European Region

Inviting all AAPG Europe members to attend a general meeting of the Region

Date: JANUARY 17, 2007

Location: Room 147. Royal Schools of Mines, Imperial College, South Kensington, London

18:00 General Meeting hosted by AAPG Europe Region President; John Brooks

19:00 Special Presentation

Dr. Lindsay Parson, UNCLOS Group, National Oceanography Centre Hydrocarbons and Other Resource Bonanzas Beyond the EEZ: Expanding a Coastal State's Rights to Exploitation under UNCLOS

For further information and details contact the office.

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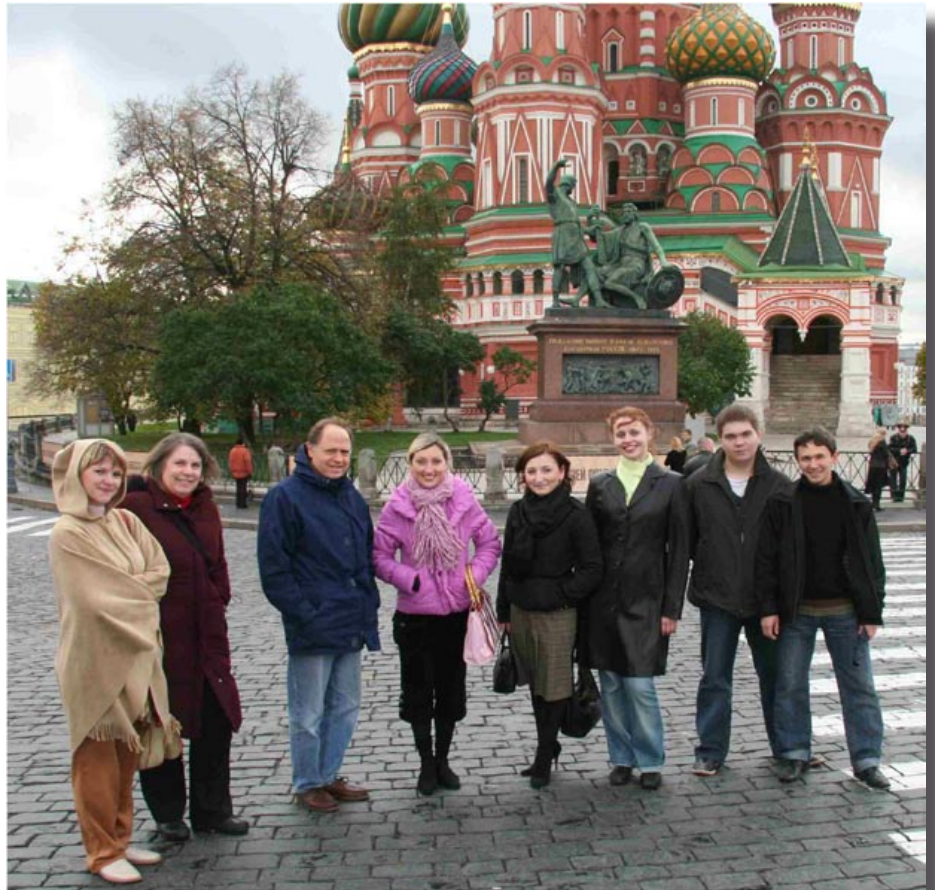
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Distinguished Lecturer

Henry Posamentier



Olga Logvinova (Ryder-Scott company, Russia); Debbie Dolson, Henry Posamentier, Valeria Pinaeva (Guide), Saida Petizheva (Gubkin Univ. Student Chapter); Julia Boki (Gubkin Univ. Student chapter); Ivan Kachura, Vova Smirnov. St. Basil's cathedral in the background (Red Square).

by

Vlasta Dvorakova & John Dolson

Dr. Posamentier from Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston, Texas went on his International Distinguished Lecture tour in Europe with lectures entitled, "Imaging Elements of Depositional Systems from Shelf to Deep Basin Using 3D Seismic Data: Implications for Exploration and Development" and "Stratigraphy, Sedimentology and Geomorphology of Deep Water Deposits Based on Analysis of 3D Seismic Data: Reducing the Risk of Lithology Prediction".

On Tuesday October 10th, 2006, Henry Posamentier began his tour in France. The first talk was given at the Societe Geologique de France, (<http://sgfr.free.fr>), located in the fifth arrondissement in Paris's city center near the Sorbonne). There were 23 attendees including geologists,

mostly from Total, and individuals from academia (Ecole normale superieure de Paris, University of Paris, University of Perpignan). As per usual, the first lecture was given in late morning, because SGF is located in downtown Paris which has the potential to attract a broader audience: i.e. not only professionals and students coming from the nearby universities and Schools, ENSP and Ecole des Mines but also those from major cities who can travel from a longer distance.

Targeting more research oriented professionals, the second lecture was given at the IFP facilities (French Institute of Petroleum, <http://www.ifp.fr/IFP/fr/ifp/fb.htm>) for a group of 40 individuals made up of reservoir and structural geology employees of IFP, IFP School of Petroleum and Beicip.

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The agenda used in France started with Mateu Esteban's visit last June and continued with Henry Posamentier. Both lecturers were recognized by the attendees to be outstanding speakers and specialists in their respective fields of research (Carbonate diagenesis, seismic interpretation, shallow to deep marine depositional systems and environments, prediction of porosity evolution and of present-day reservoir quality). These topics captured great interest not only by professionals but also by students in the petroleum geosciences. For the future, Christian Ravenne (IFP and VP of SGF) suggests we combine the lecture with a corresponding half day workshop.

In Russia, Henry Posamentier's Distinguished Lecture 2-day whirlwind tour on Seismic Geomorphology drew 600 students, industry leaders and. Henry spoke to 150+ students and faculty at Tyumen University in West Siberia, TNK-BP and other industry geoscientists. He finished these extremely well received presentations with a standing room 2 hour presentation at the EAGE/SEG/AAPG monthly meeting in Moscow. Copies of the slide-sets were graciously donated upon request to 3 Universities where they are being used in classes now.

On Saturday, October 14, Henry toured Red Square with an excited group of students from Moscow State and Gubkin University. Following a visit to Lenin's tomb, they had the additional pleasure of a pizza lunch at the famous GUM shopping center.

Henry closed out his tour with souvenir shopping at the famous Ismaylova Russian market, where Debbie Dolson successfully encouraged him to spend his last dollars on expensive Ammonite fossils and other.

From windy and cold Russia Henry Posamentier went to explore his family roots in the cool but sunny autumn Czech Republic. In the early 20th century, the Czech Republic was part the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His grandfather moved from there to Austria where his



Photo by Debbie Dolson at Ismaylova where John Dolson, AAPG Vice President, (right) helped divest Henry Posamentier of his last dollars in Russia.

father was born, just before leaving for America. For the first time being in Prague, Henry was wonderfully surprised by its beauty, the open friendly people who were ready to welcome him there and to listen to what he had to say and just to feel the history that surrounded him.

An international group of 40 attendees inspired his 2 hours of lecture. Hosted and attended by professionals from the Czech Geological Survey (www.geology.cz), Moravske naftove doly a.s. (oil company operating both locally and internationally, www.mnd.cz), and individuals from academia (including the Geological and Geophysical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Charles University, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, and the Slovak Geological Survey and industry – MND a.s.) made up the expectant audience for his talk and the following long discussion about topics and subjects like sequence stratigraphy and depositional systems analysis, where he has published widely.

It was Dr. Posamentier's interdisciplinary approach to geologic prediction using 3E seismic visualization integrated with borehole data to interpret depositional systems and develop basin fill histories, in particular with reference to deep-water depositional settings which most attendees found most useful. Based on

his success in Prague everyone would be most interested to have him coming back again.

After visiting Prague, the audience (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Eotvos University) in Budapest also enthusiastically enjoyed Posamentier's talk, as much as a window to a wonderful new world. Data and interpretation was considered splendid and logical. The audience was amazed by the possibilities thorough interpretation of 3D seismic data and the application of filtering techniques can open. Students now understand how sedimentology, geomorphology and computer sciences can be combined to produce a better understanding of the past's processes. Everybody was impressed that the ancient seascape can be visualized in a way that one can imagine even the turbidity currents moving. The beautiful slides however were not the only thing keeping us on the edge of our seats, it was also Henry's charismatic personality.

Henry Posamentier's tour ended his European tour in Sofia, Bulgaria which was hosted by the University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski" with many students and professionals attending and good discussion about the subjects of his talk.

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Affiliated Societies

All Affiliated Societies are welcome to place meeting information and society announcements here. Unfortunately, I was not able to contact each society. If you would like to at least place the name of your society contact with their email address, please send your information to the editor, whose email address you will find on the final page of this document.

Albania Association of Geoscientists & Engineers - No current information

Asociación de Geólogos y Geofísicos Españoles de Petróleo (AGGEP) - No current information. See ITLC Congress by Luis Cabrera www.ilic2007.com

The Asociación de Geólogos y Geofísicos Españoles del Petróleo (AGGEP) celebrated its 25th anniversary on Thursday, 26 October with a special meeting at Hotel Foxa (calle Agustín de Foxa, 32), Madrid. The program featured presentations and speeches from senior management of oil companies active in Madrid including José María Egea (Director General de Gestión del Gas, Gas Natural), Fernando Maravall (Director General de E&P, Gas Natural y Gestión Corporativa, CEPSA), and Nemesio Fernández Cuesta (Director General de Repsol YPF). The meeting was attended by more than 60 members and guests.

In celebration of this silver anniversary, AGGEP has published a compilation of selected technical articles by its members. The book is available in paper and digital formats by contacting the association's president Wenceslao Martínez del Olmo (wmartinezo@repsolypf.com).

See the image to the right - from left to right, María Jesús Simón (vice president of AGGEP), José Ignacio Hormaeche (Director General del EVE y Presidente de SHESA),

Fernando Maravall (Director General de E&P, Gas Natural y Gestión Corporativa, CEPSA), and Salvador Ordóñez (Secretario de Estado de Universidades).

Association of Petroleum Technicians and Professionals (AFTP France)

The current president of the Exploration/Reservoir section of the society is Isabelle Le Nir. For section activities go to www.aftp.net. An English version is currently under construction.

Austrian Geological Society - The current president is Wolfgang Nachtman. Information about speakers and meetings are announced when they become available. This information can be viewed at www.geol-ges.at. The website is in both German and English; however the German version is more informative than the English version. They do intend to improve the English version in the future.

Azerbaijan Association of Petroleum Geologists

- No current information.

Berufsverb and Deutscher Geologen, Geophysiker und Mineralogen e.V. (Germany)

- There are three upcoming conferences worth mentioning: 67th annual meeting of the Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft (German Geophysical Society) 26.-29. March 2007 in Aachen (details on www.dgg2007.rwth-aachen.de).

International Conference and 97th Annual Meeting of the Geologische Vereinigung e.V. (Geological Society) titled The Oceans in the Earth

System, October 2-5, 2007 in Bremen (details under www.g-v.de) Conference is being hosted by the Department of Geosciences MARUM - Center for Marine Environmental Research, DFG Research Center Ocean Margins and University of Bremen.

Annual Meeting of the DGMK (Deutsche wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Erdoel, Erdgas und Kohle - German scientific society for Oil, Gas and Coal) April 26.-27. 2007 in Celle

You can find out more information and contact this society at www/gepberuf.de/home.php or email at BDGBBonn@t-online.de.

Bulgarian Geological Society - No information is currently available.

Czech Geological Society - Dr. Budil is president and you can reach him at budil@cgu.cz or see their website at www.geolickas-polecnostl.cz.

Energy Institute - See their website at www.energyinst.org.uk.

Norwegian Association of Petroleum Geologists - No Current information is available.

Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain (PESGB) - Francisco Porturas is president and you can reach him at frpo@online.no.

Polish Geological Society - You can visit their website at www.pesgb.org.uk/pesgh/system/default.asp.

Romanian Association of Petroleum Geologists (RAPG) - No information is currently available.

Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands - The



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LMGMG is an AAPG affiliated society and has an active petroleum geological section (Petroleum Geologische Kring). Every 3rd Wednesday of the month a meeting is held in the KIVI building, Prinsessegracht 23 in The Hague. Drinks are served from 17:00 to 18:00 during the social hour preceding the scientific meeting beginning at 18:00 hrs. Visiting guests from affiliated societies are welcome. Visit our website at www.kngmg.nl. Submitted by P. A. C. de Ruiter, president of KNGMG.

Scientific Council for for Petroleum (Croatia) – No Current information is available.

Swiss Association of Petroleum Geologist and Engineers - The 2007 Annual Convention will be held from June 23-25 in Ortisei (Val Gardena, Italy) with the Geology of the classical area of the Dolomites as the main theme. A pre-excursion was held at the end of September to determine the most attractive route.

The excursion will be guided by Prof. Wolfgang Schlager, Amsterdam, who from his worldwide carbonate experience will cover the sedimentology and sequence stratigraphy of the area, together with Prof. Carlo Doglioni, Rome an expert in tectonics and the interplay between tectonics and deposition in the Dolomites and Prof. Daniel Bernoulli, Basel who contributes his rich knowledge of the sedimentology and the regional geology of the southern Alps.

The lectures session on the first day will also primarily be devoted to the Geology of the Dolomites. Invitations to members will go out in late February 2006 and the program will also be posted on our web site (www.vsp-asp.ch).

Apart from the scientific content the Convention of the ASP provides a platform for informal networking between professionals from the Industry and Academia, both Swiss and international (one third of our membership is non Swiss). We welcome thus students to participate (students pay half of the

membership fee and also only half of the convention fee).

ASP is now on the list for the European tour of AAPG distinguished lectures and we will post the program on our web site as soon as it is known. The lectures will be held initially in Geneva.

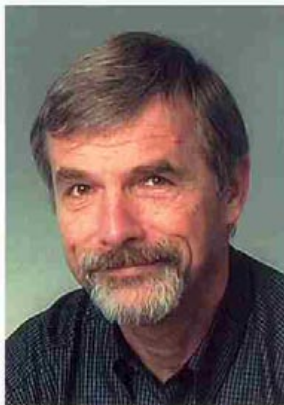
Peter Burri, is the current President at peterburri.geol@bluewin.ch. For further information and member applications please visit the Website of the Association: www.vsp-asp.ch.

Turkish Association of Petroleum Geologists – You can visit their website at www.tpjd.org.tr/.

Association of Ukrainian Geologists - No information available

Meet the Members

Peter Burri



Peter Burri is a Swiss national who finished his studies at Basel University with a PhD in Carbonate Sedimentology. Switzerland is an excellent outdoor laboratory for educating geologists but - lacking an oil or mining industry has only limited job options for this profession. Many of the Swiss geology graduates are therefore exported to the entire world - as Peter says "like the watches and the chocolate". He took thus also the jump into the international E&P world where he spent most of his professional life: First in a long exploration and E&P career with Shell in a dozen countries mainly in Asia, finishing off as Managing Director for Shell in China and eventually as Exploration Advisor Far East, Pa-

cific and South America in Shell's headquarters in the Hague. He then followed a call to Germany to become Senior Vice President New Business of Wintershall, the energy arm of the chemical giant BASF, helping to build BASF's worldwide E&P presence. In the past two years he has worked as an independent advisor to the international oil industry and to an ambitious geothermal project in his hometown Basel (3 wells of 5000m in the Rhinegraben).

Peter has been a member of AAPG since 1986 and is now the president of the Swiss Association of Petroleum Geologists and Engineers (ASP), an affiliate association of AAPG and the "home" for over 280 Swiss and international professionals. The association organizes annual conventions with scientific lectures and a two day excursion in Switzerland or in neighbouring countries. These events are highly popular with many European E&P geologists and engineers as it they provide an excellent opportunity to see some of the spectacular Alpine geology and also give a chance to see a bit beyond the strict oil and gas world (recently a convention was dedicated to the construction of the world's longest railway tunnel cutting over some 57 km right through the core of the Alps). As from 2007 the ASP will be organizing AAPG distinguished lecture tours for Switzerland in Geneva. The present board is also working hard on turning the association into a platform where experts from the Industry and Academia can meet for an informal exchange of ideas and networking.

Peter is married with three adult children (unfortunately no geologists) and has a passion for books, 20th century art, alpine hiking and hobby farming on his land in southern Switzerland.

European Region Area Council

The European Region Area Council is now made up of six individuals: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a member of the Advisory Council. All members

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hold this position for two years. The Past-President acts as an advisor to the council. They are as follows:

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European Region House of Delegates

I am very excited to see we have a representative group of delegates for our region. If you are having problems or just need to ask a question please contact the delegate in your area for help.

One of the main functions of a delegate is to review individuals for membership. Right now, membership is much in debate. The two that are most controversial are Active and Associate membership. In this newsletter, I want to address what is currently in the bylaws. Reviewing what is a member and how you can become one.

In the bylaws there are 5 types of memberships, Active, Emeritus, Honorary, Students and Associates. This time we will only review Active, and Associates.

In Section 2, “Definition of Term “Member” is as follows: “Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaws, the term “member” shall refer only to Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members. Only members may hold office, vote in Association affairs, sponsor membership

applications, or refer to themselves as members of the Association.”

First we will discuss what it takes to qualify, and then what the applicant needs to do to apply for membership.

To qualify to be a “Member” you must be engaged in the practice or teaching of geology, hold a Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctor’s degree in a geological science from a college of acceptable academic standards and have at least 3 years experience if you have a bachelor’s degree, 2 with a Master’s and 1 with a Doctor’s. There are some degree waivers in place based on current professional activity and standing in the profession which the Executive Committee can waive.

To be an Associate you must have graduated from a college with acceptable academic standards, and employed in a field associated with geology. There also are some degree waivers in place based on current professional activity and standing in the profession which the Executive Committee can waive.

The following three paragraphs are where most of the controversy lies. In addition for both the Active and Associate categories, you must submit a formal application form authorized by the Executive Committee, signed by the applicant.

For Active membership your application must be endorsed by not less than three individuals, two of whom need to be

active members in good standing. Each of your sponsors will also have to fill out a form.

For Associate you only need one Active member signature.

After the application is reviewed and accepted, the applicant’s name is then published. After 60 days of being published and no reason is presented that the applicant should not be accepted, you are notified of your election to membership.

Many Europeans in the AAPG have

found themselves to be Associates and not Active members mostly because of the lack of available active members for sponsors. This means you can not vote, run for office, be a committee chair, or, and this is the big sticking point, sponsor someone for membership and refer to themselves as being “Members” of the Association.

The good news is there are many people working on changing the above to make membership more efficient and easier to obtain. However, the AAPG and its members have always enjoyed a good reputation, due in fact to our stringent procedures. So it should be interesting to see what transgresses.

As always we are open for your comments. Review the list below, and make your comment to the delegate nearest to you.

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ALTERNATES

The alternates have two very important jobs. First, if a delegate can not complete his/hers three year term, an alternate will be selected to finish the term. Secondly, if a delegate can not attend the national convention, than an alternate is asked first to fill the position.

Wolfgang Nachtmann Austria
Martin Fleckenstein Germany
John Dolson Russia
Steve Veal United Kingdom
Tony Grindrod United Kingdom
Francisco Porturas Norway

Letter from the Editor

by
Carol MacDonald Lucas

First a reminder that the new section, Educational Posters, is the first of a series of 5 posters. Each poster has a downloadable version at www.aapg.org/europe/newsletters/2006/12dec/fp_subsurface_integ_01.pdf

I would like to challenge each of you to think about submitting something in

Students Section



Julia Boki (Left, Gubkin Student Chapter) and Alina Shchepetkina (President, AAPG Student Chapter, Gubkin University), in back John Dolson, Vice President AAPG

Students if you have information that you would submit, please send it to the Editor.

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he next newsletter. Please remember to look at the submittal date.

Remember the next issue will be accepting paid ads. You can get advertising information from the following website after the middle of September: www.aapg.org/international/europe/newsletters/advertise.cfm.

Job Opportunities

The European Region is currently seeking an Associate Editor and several Reporters for our newsletter. If you are interested, please send an email to Carol Lucas, lucascjh@bluewin.ch.

Associate Editor: This position is to train the next editor who will take over from the Carol Lucas within the next two years. Although no date has been specified, Carol does not plan to be in this position after June 1 of 2008 as it is likely she will be returning to the U.S. at that time.

You would need to have an excellent

command of the English language, and have an some understanding of computers. It entails editing, layout and design, plus working with graphics, both vector and bitmap. The program we use is InDesign by Adobe. This program is relatively easy to use and once you understand desktop publishing attributes, you should not have many problems working with it.

Reporters: This should not really take much of your time. I am looking for individuals who will contact certain groups and societies quarterly to gather their information for the next publication. I will

try to put you together with the groups and societies in your area. Students are welcome and encouraged to apply for this position.

Advertisements

Paid advertisements is now being accepted.

All art work and copy must be received no later than November 10th for the December issue.

By the middle of September, cost schedules and instructions for art work and copy can be found at the following website:

www.aapg.org/international/europe/newsletters/advertise.cfm

Please send your advertisement to Carol Lucas, Editor, at lucascjh@bluewin.ch.

Newsletter Next Issue

The next newsletter will be issued March 1, 2007. All text and images must be submitted by February 10th.

Please send your information to Carol Lucas, Editor, at lucascjh@bluewin.ch.