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Carol MacDonald Lucas, Editor

Message from Chairman

by John Brooks
President, European Region

Your Council met in Prague on January 19th arranged by Vlasta Dvorakova at the Czech Geological Survey. Prague is a really pleasant and beautiful city and it made for an exceptionally useful meeting.

There was much to discuss. Athens obviously, about which more elsewhere, but it may have gone un-noticed that whilst Athens is an international conference and exhibition, the Organisation has agreed to a different arrangement to that in previous international venues by having the Region much more closely involved in the management, as well as the technical programme, of the event. It is a model which, if successful-as I am convinced that it will be, allows a Region to grow without having to separate itself from the centre. It also demonstrates too the commitment of the Executive Committee to develop and support regional activities and membership.

In Long Beach at the annual convention there will be another demonstration of commitment to the regions. The House of Delegates will be asked to approve an EC resolution for "Graduated Dues" for members, based on an ability to pay. Salaries in the European Region and those in parts of Asia-Pacific, South America, Africa and Middle East can be very much lower than in Western Europe and USA & Canada, although even here new hires may qualify.

It makes sense to your Council that if we want to attract new members, as we clearly do, then the Organisation must offer services commensurate with an

New Associate Editor



Hugo
Matias

For more information on the New Associate Editor see page 11.

applicant's ability to afford membership.

I will not go into detail here over the levels of salary involved as this is covered in the Explorer extremely well and which I recommend reading on the website.

I am hopeful that all 18 HOD members will be coming to Long Beach to vote on the motion.

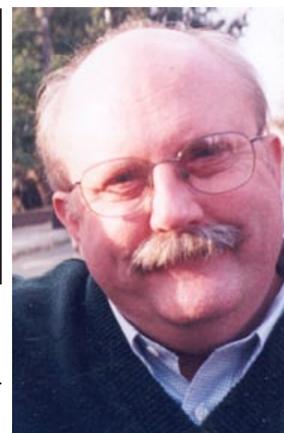
Remember as well that there are two candidates for election to the new Vice- President for Regions this year - again a demonstration of the Executive Committee's commitment to change. They are John Hogg (Canada) and John Kaldi (Asia Pacific). Do vote this year. It is important to show that Regions will respond to positive initiatives.

Talking of elections, Council considered nominations for President- Elect 2009-2011 and for Vice-President 2007-2010 to the European Region Council

At our Council Meeting we also discussed new opportunities – a next "Athens" and particularly how to involve students in our meetings. We might even 'copy' the international Barrel Award Scheme

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John Dolson AAPG Vice President



Growing the Organization:
Partnering for
Success and
Personal Enrichment

AAPG is doing a lot these days to stimulate growth and new membership.

As we prepare for Leadership Days in February and Long Beach in April, the main topic of discussion always reverts to how to add value locally and grow globally. Positive steps already undertaken include:

- 1) a streamlined, online application process
- 2) a proposal for the HOD in April on a graduated dues structure based on 'ability to pay'
- 3) ways to add monthly value locally- This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. this newsletter!

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set up by Steve Veal for Long Beach as a model.

Council also would like to arrange more local meetings to address the issues of sub-regional areas. All of these however need volunteers to organise them even though we may soon have support in the Office. Commitment may be as much or as little as you like. Many of you are in full-time employment and are important as such to the organisation, but involvement in a single meeting of whatever kind would assist the Region to be that much more able to be active and prosperous. If you feel that you could give a little time or even wish to stand for office please contact me or any member of the Council. (jrvbrooks@supanet.com)

I attended the Leadership Forum in Tulsa on 9th February. The highlight of it for me was the meeting of Section and Region Presidents – apparently a first! It was informed, dynamic and inclusive and I wondered why this group had never met before and why it is not ‘de facto’ the Consultation Committee to the Executive Committee (not to be confused with the Advisory Committee).

The subject of Advisory Boards to Regions/Sections, raised by the Executive Committee late last year, was discussed by Council in Prague and also at the International Leadership Forum. The view we came to was that the “Boards ought to be integrated with the Corporate Membership, and that corporate members were not asked twice to join a board.

We now await a further communication from the Executive Committee giving more detail of these “Boards” value, purpose, and function.

APPEX, the international deal fair, scheduled to be held in the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London from 20-22 March 2007, held a committee meeting in January at which it was resolved that the European Region would have official representation on this committee. Currently Mike Lakin and myself are members, and on Council. For the last three years,

therefore, Council has had “de facto” representation, but now the role of the Region is officially recognised.

But THE success last year has been this Newsletter and the Region owes a huge debt to Carol Lucas for setting it up. We are pleased to welcome Mateus Hugo and his helpers who will succeed Carol later this year but it is to be hoped that this is not the last we see of Carol in the Region! Thank you so much Carol – you have shown graphically how one individual, in less than a year, can make such a difference to an organisation.

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b. opening our first International office in London to facilitate meeting activities

c. a plan to form Regional Advisory Councils (RAC’s) in each Region comprised of HOD members and leaders in industry and academia that set the business plan for the year. Incidentally, this model was adopted years ago by the Asia/Pacific section and has work wonders there.

d. more small annual Regional meetings without exhibitions that focus on topics of local interest. Examples include the Mallorca carbonate workshops in Europe in 2005, a Russia-specific conference dealing with challenges in exploration (2007) and a proposal for an Arctic conference (2008).

e. translation of AAPG volumes into other languages. AAPG Memoir 88 is nearly finished being translated into Russian by the Russian Geological Society.

f. generating monthly meetings and talks by partnering for success with affiliated or sister societies.

I’d like to focus on partnering for success with some examples from Russia. No company or volunteer organization like AAPG can grow without individual effort. Particularly when jump-starting new efforts (like here in Russia), a large number of volunteers are needed to keep things going. In parts of the European region, monthly talks are successfully held with affiliated societies, as they are routinely in the United States in our

sections. But in many of our regions, affiliated societies are either lacking or fairly dormant.

This is what it is like here in Russia, a country with the largest petroleum resources in the world and one of the largest geoscience work-forces but where AAPG has been nearly inactive since inception. The situation is further complicated by the simple fact that Russia has almost no functional geological societies dedicated to open technology transfer and cooperation. Recently, however, we just approached the 200 mark (in one year) of new students and are beginning to get traction on increased active membership.

How? By partnering with EAGE and SEG to host monthly, high quality meetings for not only the geological community but the universities, interest is now high in joining AAPG. More importantly, we now have a number of volunteers taking a leadership role in organizing these activities. To get just a small glimpse at the enthusiasm of these young students, go to these websites: <http://aapg-gubkin.ru/eng/>, <http://msu-aapg.narod.ru/>.

My concern is sustainability, but I think that is coming. My SPE colleagues tell me sustainability took 5 years to obtain here and required a strong member base. We have still not reached the point where enough active members are fully engaged to take the burden off a handful of people making these events happen. We lack fully organized sub-committees and a strong network between major cities like Moscow, Tyumen and St. Petersburg. But by partnering with EAGE and SEG, we have greatly increased the number of volunteers and pool of speakers.

What will it take? Based on watching SPE grow rapidly in Russia, it takes finding those dedicated volunteers and then making the whole process fun and personally rewarding. Our talks are followed by a reception and usually a dinner for the speaker and students, industry and university leaders. A night

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out monthly makes the effort fun and something to look forward to. For me, the personal benefit has been profound. I

Companies actively involved with these meetings now include Shell, Chevron, Exxon, Ryder-Scott, Lukoil, Rosneft, Ryder-Scott, TNK-BP, Schlumberger,



Mixing it up with Istvan Bercezi, Steve Veal and student leaders for a night of food and music at the Dolson residence, Moscow.

now have contacts across Russia, personal involvement in three Universities, including active roles advising faculty on curriculum upgrades, and a host of new friends to go to dinner with monthly after the talks. Our monthly 'lunch and learns' at the University are drawing 40-60 students for pizza and a lecture (funded by the company providing the talk). Companies have hundreds of highly skilled potential speakers both internally and arriving monthly for consulting. It is a strong pool to choose from once the process is in place to draw these speakers in, and then make the evening enjoyable and memorable for them.

Perhaps the most important reason for me to do this that I find it a simple way to 'recharge my batteries'. By building these new friends, I gain new perspective on the business here, emerging technologies, and get a monthly reminder through students of why I joined this profession. More selfishly perhaps, it has also given us a great handle on which students we might want to hire into our company!

Petro-Alliance, and others. We hope the list grows.

So, I urge you to 'recharge your batteries' and work with your sister societies or affiliates to make things happen monthly. Organize talks, seminars and social events. It pays off professionally, but most of all, personally.

BUT KEEP IT FUN, PLEASE.

Educational Posters

by

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

We apologize for the delay, but the next poster will appear in the June newsletter.

Events & Meetings



APPEX London 2007 Technical Program Spans the Regions
Show the world your prospect at APPEX London 2007 – March 20-21
by Carol Cain McGowen

Companies interested in exhibiting at APPEX London 2007 are encouraged to register immediately. The welcome addition this year of the AAPG International Pavilion means that space is limited on the exhibition floor. Exhibition spaces come fully catered, and all exhibitor registrations include a presentation slot in the technical program to present their prospects.

APPEX offers AAPG members prospect exhibits and upstream activity presentations that span the world. Included among the confirmed presentations are:

- ABN-AMRO-sponsored Finance Forum consisting of five talks detailing financing of upstream exploration.
- Management of E & P Risk Analysis short course, Dr. Peter Rose
- European Basin Ranking Review, Tom Albrandt
- Pannonian Basin Potential (Hungary), Dr. Magayr, MOL
- Norway: The Growing Opportunity, Andrew Armour, Revus Energy
- International Deal Flow, Joe Staffurth, JSI Services Ltd.
- Columbia – An Update and the Opportunities, M. Weibe, Solana
- Present and Future Opportunity in Russia, John Dolson, TNK-BP
- Future of Offshore Gas – Australia, Ian Longley, Woodside
- Pakistan – Past, Present and Future, Dr.

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Bernhard Krainer, OMV Exploration
· Sub Saharan Africa, Bruno-Pierre Souh-
hol, TOTAL
· Deep Water Africa for the Independ-
ents, Dr. Alan Stein, OPHIR Energy
· East Africa: Opportunity in Tanzania
and Madagascar, M. Rego, Aminex

So come enjoy springtime in London,
March 20-22, 2007 from the new APPEX
location at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, on
the north edge of Hyde Park with easy
access from Heathrow Airport via the
London Underground to Lancaster Gate
or Paddington Station.

Here is what one attendee from APPEX
2006 had to say:

I attended APPEX 2006 and found it
an excellent forum in which to network
with people that are key executives
and decision makers in both major and
smaller independent companies. APPEX
gets it right by providing a forum which
concentrates on deals for both buyers and
sellers. I will certainly attend again next
year. It only takes one right contact to
make a deal and this is bound to happen
at APPEX.

Graham Heard, Exploration Manager,
Northern Petroleum plc

For more information, or to register
to attend or reserve one of the limited
number of exhibition booths, go online to
<http://appex.aapg.org>; or contact Peggy
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918 584-2555; ppryor@aapg.org.



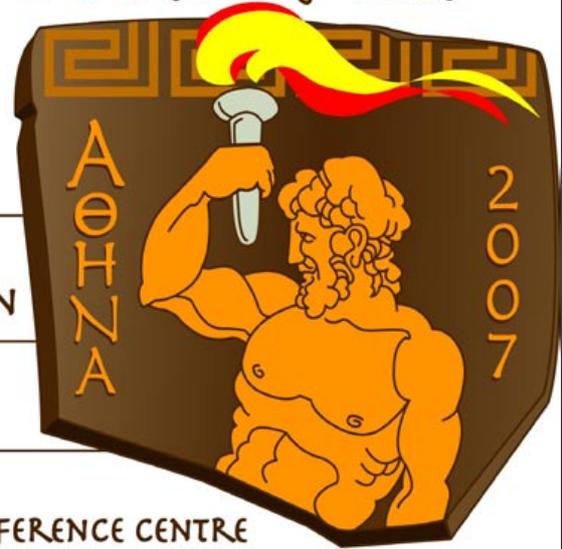
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ATHENS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE



By GEIR LUNDE, GERRY P. LOURANTOS, and RUDY SWENNEN

On behalf of the Athens 2007 Organizing Committee we want to personally invite all AAPG members to join us for the unique occasion of this year's European Region Energy Conference and Exhibition – the first joint venture between AAPG and the AAPG European Region.

The conference, built on the theme “Challenge Our Myths,” will be held Nov. 17-20 in Athens, Greece, and it promises to be an inviting combination of excellent technical sessions from the Circum-Mediterranean – and well beyond – and uniquely Greek social activities.

Thanks to our sponsors – including Chevron, ExxonMobil, Shell, TGS-NOPEC, PGS, Hellenic Petroleum, SAGEX and Concedo, all of which have given valuable, early support – a fantastic exhibition is planned in the beautiful, white marble Megaron International Conference Centre in the heart of Athens.

Challenging Our Myths

Our theme “Challenge Our Myths” sets the stage for the technical program, and the session chairs and technical program committee, headed by Bjørn Wandås and Vlasta Dvorakova, are assembling a strong international program.

The theme not only reminds conference goers to question assumptions, it is an invitation to speakers and poster presenters to take risks and present challenging ideas.

For example, a session on “Untraditional Theories and Ideas in Global and Large Scale Geology” will examine the basis for the concept of subduction zones: What would be the consequences for exploration and production if this concept were just an established truth, just something we have taken for granted since we were taught at university? Could this concept be a myth?

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This also is the right conference to attend for everyone seeking an update on recent exploration and production outcomes within key petroleum regions in the Mediterranean, North Africa, Middle East, Caspian, Black Sea, Russia, North

Many cornerstones of our society can be traced back to Greek culture, and with this meeting, new milestones will undoubtedly be added in the field of geoscience.

For that reason alone, Athens is the place to be for students and young profession-

is a must if you are looking for challenging job opportunities; the industry is now recruiting and eager to sponsor students with fresh, new perspectives.

The Spirit of Zorba

Technical sessions are just a part of a meeting's lure; Greece's multi-dimensional history and culture, equally matched by multi-faceted social traditions and life styles, make it a place to enjoy.

Greeks love to eat, drink, dance and, in general, be merry as often and as intensely as they possibly can! It is no coincidence that in the famous book "Alexis Zorbas," written by Nikos Kazantzakis (and then the Hollywood film "Zorba the Greek"), when Zorba meets the English gentleman on a lovely sandy beach and tries to express his intense happiness, he says, "Sir, I may not be able to fully express my feelings in words, but I can certainly dance them for you!"

The Athens social program will include many diverse activities, all designed to expose



Standing from left: Bjorn Wandås (Technical Program Chairman), Bruce Lemmon (Conference Manager), Steph Benton (Exhibitions Manager), Geir Lunde (General Chairman), Vlasta Dvorakova (Technical Program Chairman), Dana Free (AAPG International Conference Manager), sitting on the bench is Sigrunn Johnsen (former President of AAPG ER)

Sea, Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea.

What about an update on carbonate and clastic reservoirs, structural geology, heavy oil, unconventional resources, resource estimation and the energy supply and demand picture?

Could we even manage to get geologists to mingle with professionals who specialize in CO₂ management? Would something valuable come out of that?

Maybe we will move from political statements to practical solutions – from myth to new understanding.

Spotlight on Students

als, as this meeting will bring together people from industry and academia, old and young.

With direction from Student Activities Chair Rudy Swennen, the conference will allow students to acquire the latest inspiring information on future trends in geoscience and give a forum to young researchers to present their findings to a broad audience.

Apart from a students reception, there will be several events conducive to establishing contacts with many experienced geoscience-industry professionals.

And certainly, attending this conference

modern Greece to our valued visitors and to invite all our friends to "become Greek" – and even "Zorba" – if only for a few days!

Join us in Athens and "feel" a different Greece from the one that casual tourists normally see. You can enjoy the classical sites and famous museums even as you sample the modern galleries and new high-tech settings.

Visit relaxing islands and interesting vineyards, sample local foods and taste exciting new wines. Walk through picturesque lanes around the Acropolis and enjoy shopping, playing golf and relaxing at a spa – and then dance away your

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cares well into the late moonlit nights.

To help you, the Social Program Committee has organized several activities, including:

Visits to classical and historical locations in and around Athens – including Acropolis and Agora – as well as sites away from Athens including Cape Sounion and Delphi.

Visits to archaeological and Byzantium museums, as well as art galleries such as the National Gallery and Vorres Gallery.

Visits to high-tech locations at the Hellenic Centre, planetarium and Olympic Complex Centre.

Day trips and excursions to nearby islands of Aigina and Spetses.

Trips to vineyards and wineries in Attica.

Food and wine tasting sessions.

Street walks and exciting shopping sessions.

A golf tournament and unique spa sessions.

Dancing sessions.

So start making plans now to join us for the European Region Energy Conference and Exhibition, presented by AAPG and the AAPG European Region.

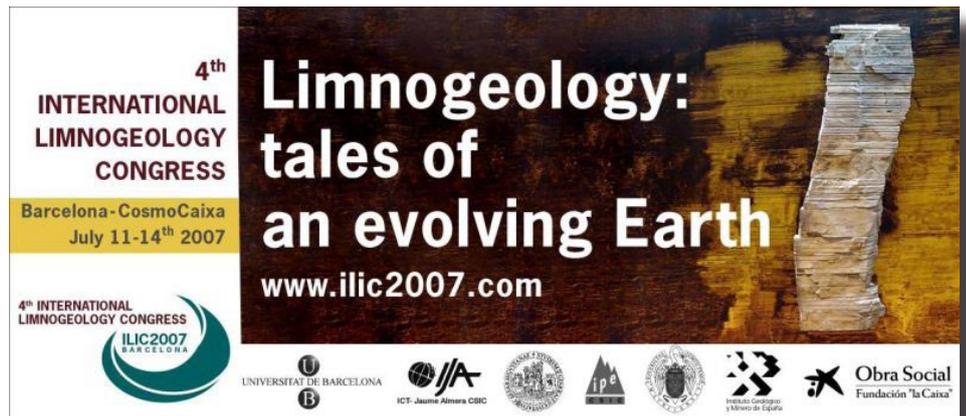
For more information go to the AAPG Web site at www.aapg.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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.

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 multidiscipline 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

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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 to 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.

EAGC October 9-10, 2007

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 October 9 -10, 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 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 sent 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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AAPG EUROPEAN FIELD TRIPS

Three Spring AAPG Field Seminars in Europe

Complex Carbonate Reservoirs: The Role of Fracturing, Facies and Tectonics, will be held May 19-25, beginning in Naples and ending in Rome, Italy. This exciting seminar is taught by Raffaele Di Cuia, Claudio Turrini and Davide Casabianca. You can find the entire course description at <http://www.aapg.org/education/fieldseminars/details.cfm?ID=79>

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Controls on Porosity Types and Distribution in Carbonate Reservoirs, held in the Almeria Region of Spain. The dates for this seminar are May 20-25, and it is led by Evan Franseen, Robert Goldstein and Mateu Esteban. All the information you need to get signed up can be found at <http://www.aapg.org/education/fieldseminars/details.cfm?ID=2>

Folding, Thrusting and Syntectonic Sedimentation: Perspectives from Classic Localities of the Central Pyrenees, scheduled for June 11-15, and led by Antonio Teixell and Antonio Barnolas. The course details can be found at <http://www.aapg.org/education/fieldseminars/details.cfm?ID=24>

Distinguished Lecturer

Mateu Esteban

Summary by Conxita Taberner & Jeroen Peters (Shell International Exploration and Production, B.V.)

“The Burial of Carbonate Reservoirs - The Rest of the Story” was given by Mateu Esteban - Repsol-YPF, Madrid - in The Netherlands on September 13th and 14th as part of his AAPG Distinguished Lecture Tour in September 2006. The visit was hosted by Shell International Exploration and Production B.V. (Rijswijk), The Petroleum Geological Society (The Hague) and the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam.

The lecture, co-authored by C. Taberner, was presented at three institutions. The authors shared with the three different audiences their new findings on burial carbonate diagenesis and their vision on its impact on rock properties.

It is commonly thought that the carbonate burial environment is not very active, or that any diagenetic change in the burial environment is essentially controlled by depositional facies patterns

or shallow diagenetic overprints. This is not necessarily the case, so the deep burial of carbonate reservoirs deserves more specialized attention. After all, hydrocarbon reservoirs and hydrocarbon migration occur in the deep burial environment.

This change in traditional paradigms on the main controls of rock property distribution in carbonate reservoirs during late burial diagenesis stimulated inspiring discussions on:

- fluid volumes and types
- source of fluids
- fluid flow pathways and role of H₂S and organically-derived CO₂
- reactions involved in the enlargement, redistribution and/or generation of porosity
- use of seismic attribute analysis and link to diagenetic patterns
- reactive transport numerical models and prediction of porosity distribution.

In any event, the burial of the reservoir is perceived as the most critical part in the understanding of the present-day reservoir.

Mateu Esteban – Biographic Note

Dr. Mateu Esteban has 35 years of worldwide experience in research and consultation on carbonate geology. Since 1994, he is the Director of Carbonates International, with office in Mallorca (Spain), currently working as external consultant for REPSOL-YPF. Previously, he was the Geological Research Director of ERICO Petroleum Information Ltd., with offices in London and Staff Research Scientist of AMOCO Production in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mateu obtained his PhD (1973) at the University of Barcelona (Spain), where he was Assistant Professor; later he was Staff Scientist in the High Council for Scientific Research (CSIC). Mateu was an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer in 1987, 1988 and 1992, obtained the AAPG Special Commendation Award in 1993 and the Citation of Excellence in 1996. His current interests are focused on understanding and predicting carbonate porosity.

Distinguished Lecturer Tour 2007 - 2008

by
William Sassi & Peter Lloyd

The IDL (International Distinguished Lecturer) program was set up in the mid 1990's by Ed Purdy and enjoyed great success through 2001 (the Robbie Gries Presidential Tour), after which it went into temporary decline. A rejuvenation effort was kicked off in mid 2004 with Frank Picha coordinating East and Central Europe and Peter Lloyd covering Western Europe. Since then there have been three tours, including a Presidential Tour in 2005, and two tours in 2006. Our most recent DLs are Richard Swarbrick 2005, Carlo Doglioni 2005, Pete Rose 2005 (Presidential Tour), and Mateu Esteban, second quarter 2006 and Henry Posamentier, third quarter 2006.

As from June 2006, the current IDL sub-committee of the AAPG's European Regions are currently working to make Distinguished Lecturer candidate proposals and selections, and to assist with coordinating the logistics of their tours. The current members of this sub-committee are:

Chair of merged European Committee:
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In 2007 we are pleased to welcome John Walsh from Dublin University and Larry Peterson Miami University who will be speaking on “Fault Zones & Fault Systems” and “climate change & deep sea sedimentation processes” respectively. Their resume + abstracts will be soon released on the www.aapg.org web site.

Please contact either William Sassi (William@mve.com), Barbara Davis and Steve Veal, or one of the committee members, if you would like one of these speakers to talk to your local society or student chapter. The next European Tour session will start as from July 2007.

European Region

AAPG European Office

by
Steve Veal, Office Manager

The AAPG office for the Europe Region is located in 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 focused 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 headquarter services and can also provide information on AAPG committee's, division's, and membership. Though publications can not be purchased as of yet, the office stocks a good selection of the recent books for members to review. A webpage is being designed and will be announced shortly.

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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AAPG Europe Region
General Meeting

The first annual General Meeting was held on January 17th, 2007. Twenty members enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Lindsay Parson –“ UNCLOS Group, National Oceanography Centre - Hydrocarbons and Other Resource Bonanzas Beyond the EEZ.” It was an interesting and timely talk. A full report will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

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 Espanoles de Petróleo (AGGEP) - No current information. See ITLC Congress by Luis Cabrera www.ilic2007.com

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.

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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).

Annual Meeting of the DGMK (Deutsche wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Erdöl, 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/ 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.geologickaspolecnostl.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 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 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.

The excursion will be guided by three top experts in the geology of this area: 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 and Prof. Daniel Bernoulli, Basel who contributes his rich knowledge of the sedimentology and the regional geology of the southern Alps.

The lectures sessions on the first day will also primarily be devoted to the Geology of the Dolomites. Invitations to members have gone out end February 2007 and the programme is also 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). We would also par-

ticularly welcome any participants from other AAPG affiliates in Europe. Persons interested in participation in the convention: please contact either Peter Burri (peterburri.geol@bluewin.ch) or Bernhard Gunzenhauser (Bernhard.Gunzenhauser@proseis.com) Registration has to occur until end April 2007.

The Board of ASP has recently decided that the 2008 Annual Convention will be held in late June at Sion (Canton Valais, Switzerland, upper Rhone valley). Theme of the convention will be the geology of the Penninic part of the Alps with a particular focus on the geology of the surroundings of Zermatt.

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.tpjtd.org.tr/.

Association of Ukrainian Geologists - No information available

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Meet the Members

Hugo Matias



Hugo Matias works as a Geophysicist for REPSOL YPF in the Exploration Department for projects in Morocco, Portugal and Spain. Previously, he worked for PARTEX-OIL & GAS (Portugal) in the New Ventures group. Hugo received his BSc (1997) and MSc (2002) degrees in Geophysics from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (Portugal) and a Post-Graduation in Oil and Gas Business (2002) from Universidade Autonoma (Portugal). He is completing his PhD in the hydrocarbon potential of the offshore Algarve basin. His research interests include structural and sedimentary deepwater seismic interpretation, potential fields modelling, salt tectonics, basin and petroleum systems modelling. Since September 2006 Hugo was elected delegate for the AAPG-HOD representing Portugal. He is a member of AAPG, SEG and EAGE.

Please help me welcome Hugo as the incoming European Region Newsletter Editor beginning June 1, 2007. His email is hugo.matias@telefonica.net.

ER Area Council

The European Region Area Council is made up of six individuals: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a member of the Advisory Council. All members hold this position for two years. The Past-President acts as an advisor to the council. They are as follows:

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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.

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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

The next newsletter will have a new editor, Hugo Matias. I have every confidence in him and I hope all of you will show the same support you have shown me.

First a reminder that the new section, Educational Posters, will continue in the June issue. Each poster has a downloadable version at www.aapg.org/europe/newsletters/2006/12dec/educational_posters.cfm

I would like to challenge each of you to think about submitting something in the 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 is currently located: <http://www.aapg.org/europe/newsletters/advertise.cfm>.

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Students Section



Pizza goes a long way to draw in students for talks



Russian Students getting to know each other.

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

Advertisements

Paid advertisements is now being accepted.

All art work and copy must be received no later than May 16th for the December issue.

Instructions for art work and copy can be found at the following website:
www.aapg.org/europe/newsletters/advertise.cfm

Please send your advertisement to Hugo Matias, Editor, at hugo.matias@telefonica.net

Newsletter Next Issue

The next newsletter will be issued June 1, 2007. All text and images must be submitted by May 16th.

Please send your information to Hugo Matias, Editor, at hugo.matias@telefonica.net



Looking forward to Athens!