

AAPG Publication Pipeline Committee Annual Report 2012-2013



Photo taken during publications donation handover ceremony on 1 December 2012, Peking University School of Earth and Space Sciences, Beijing, China. This donation was sponsored by Schlumberger. Seated in front of the group of students are (L-R) Professor Li Jianghai and Dr Song Zhenqint (Peking Univ.), Dr Jia Chengzhao (AAPG House of Delegates member for China), and Dr Bernard Montaron (Director, Schlumberger China Petroleum Institute).

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Goals

The Publication Pipeline Committee's primary goal is to be a "pipeline" of donated geo-technical publications to requesting and qualified overseas universities. Inherent in this is an efficient process for intake, inventory, and shipping. In order to meet this goal the Committee obtains sponsors for shipments.

The Committee encounters ongoing logistics challenges that are often reactive to the timing of generous donors and sponsors of shipments. Therefore we have no set timetable for sending a certain tonnage but are on track to increase the number of shipments in 2013. We continue to make good progress in identifying recipient universities, and in most cases finding sponsors for shipments to new countries. In order to minimize storage costs we strive to match incoming and outgoing volumes.

We note with special pride that during this past year we surpassed our [100 ton milestone](#), and plan to celebrate with an "open house" at our Houston home base.

Activities Update

We have held eleven Committee meetings in Houston since our last Annual Report and in addition we have held various Saturday work sessions at the warehouse to sort, box and prepare material for inventorying.

Over the past 12 months we have continued to receive a steady stream of donations of publications from individual donors, and recently have been offered sizeable donations of publications from various institutions, including the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and Shell.

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Since the Committee's 2011-2012 report, we have prepared and shipped more than 5 tons of publications to three new recipients, including the Hanoi University of Mining and Geology in Vietnam, the University of Liberia in Monrovia, and Peking University in Beijing, China (see photo on first page). And a new shipment sponsor, Schlumberger, was welcomed into the group of generous company sponsors that continue to support the work of the Committee.

Currently we are preparing to make shipments to universities in China, Thailand, Nigeria, Argentina, Colombia, and Venezuela, and have outstanding requests from universities in several other countries.

Additional volunteers needed

Although we have had the pleasure of welcoming some new members to the Committee over the past year, we have an ongoing need for two separate kinds of additional volunteers in Houston: 1) prospective new committee members to participate in our monthly work session/ meetings, and, 2) to work as volunteers in the warehouse moving boxes, assist in inventory process, palletize in preparation for shipment.

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