

section meetings I made presentations about the state of our Division and the many opportunities available to volunteers to help us become a more vibrant division. At the Eastern Section meeting, I presented a technical project that dealt with in-situ remediation of chromate in groundwater. The student presentations at the Eastern Section meeting were impressive. Regrettably, I was not able to attend the Mid-Continent Section meeting, but the DEG was well represented by our Mid-Continent Advisory Board member, Marvin Carlson. Of course, the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) meeting was cancelled because of the immense devastation created by Hurricane Katrina. I was not able to attend the AAPG International Convention in Paris because it coincided with section meetings in September. I thank Don Clarke, Peter Lloyd, and Steve Veal for their efforts in emphasizing DEG programs while performing all their other duties during the Paris meeting.

Steve Tischer, President

Energy Minerals Division

The Energy Minerals Division (EMD) strives to be the premier organization for professional development in the technical fields of coal, coalbed methane, energy economics and technology, gas hydrates, gas shales, geospatial information and remote sensing, geothermal, oil sands, oil shale, and uranium. EMD provides benefits to all AAPG members through publications and sponsorship at professional meetings (e.g., oral and poster sessions, short courses, field trips, and luncheons). Basic information on each of the technical fields is provided in the public area of the EMD Web site (<http://emd.aapg.org/>).

EMD Year in Review

- AAPG All-Division Workshop—Executive Committee members from each of the three AAPG divisions met in Dallas on August 5, 2005, for discussions on increasing and maintaining division membership, making EMD indispensable, division advertisement branding, and division funding from the AAPG Foundation.
- EMD Membership Initiative—EMD leadership compiled a set of PowerPoint slides that describe the various areas of interest under the EMD umbrella. EMD members will be able to access these slides on the EMD Web site for presentations to encourage professionals and students to join EMD. EMD purchased notebook

portfolios embossed with the EMD logo to distribute to new EMD members. Because of these efforts and increased interest in unconventional resources, EMD has added 50 new members in the last few months. Creties Jenkins, EMD vice president, is credited with bringing in most of these new members.

- *Explorer* Ads—In an effort to increase EMD exposure to potential members, EMD ads (on cost-only basis) are placed in the *AAPG Explorer* for the months that EMD does not have a featured article in the Division column.
- Community Home Page—EMD started a new feature on the EMD members-only Web site (http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/) called the Community Home Page, which links to discussion forums on EMD business and the EMD technical fields.

Publications

Progress was made on the revised second edition of the *Atlas of Coal Geology* (AAPG Studies in Geology 45), co-sponsored with The Society for Organic Petrology. Alexander Papp is the EMD editor. This effort is supported by a \$6000 grant from the AAPG Foundation. Reviews are under way and a graphics editor has been hired.

Preparations for a special volume of papers resulting from a Hedberg Conference titled "Gas Hydrates: Energy Resource Potential and Associated Geologic Hazards" are under way. This effort is supported by a \$12,000 grant from the AAPG Foundation. Art Johnson and Tim Collett are the editors.

Work continued on development of a CD-ROM publication titled *Geospatial Technology Applications for Exploration and Production of Petroleum*. Samuel Limerick is the editor.

Planning continued on a joint EMD/Division of Environmental Geosciences (DEG) publication on CO₂ sequestration. Matthias Grobe and Jack Pashin served as EMD committee chairmen. A call for papers has been announced. Additionally, EMD cosponsored with DEG two focus issues on CO₂ sequestration in the DEG journal *Environmental Geosciences*.

EMD continued to cosponsor the scientific quarterly journal *Natural Resources Research* with the International Association of Mathematical Geologists. Douglas Peters served on the editorial board as the EMD representative. EMD plans to publish a series of comprehensive energy mineral commodity reports in *Natural Resources Research*.

EMD columns that highlighted the EMD program at the 2005 AAPG Annual

Convention, energy-related geospatial information and remote sensing, the EMD program at the 2006 AAPG Annual Convention, and oil shales, appeared in the August, November, February, and May issues of the *AAPG Explorer*.

Meetings

Douglas Patchen, EMD Eastern Section councilor, planned technical sessions on coalbed methane and CO₂ sequestration at the AAPG Eastern Section meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia, September 18–20, 2005. The EMD president participated in the AAPG Leadership Technical Session.

Laura Wray, EMD Rocky Mountain Section councilor, spoke on behalf of EMD at the AAPG divisions luncheon held at the AAPG Rocky Mountain Section meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, September 24–26, 2005.

In addition, Creties Jenkins spoke about EMD at the AAPG divisions luncheon held at the AAPG Rocky Mountain Section meeting in Billings, Montana, June 11–13, 2006.

EMD sponsored a shale gas workshop at the Southwest Section meeting in Midland, Texas, May 22–24, 2005. William Ambrose, EMD president-elect, and coauthors, also presented a technical paper on CO₂ enhanced oil recovery and sequestration at the Midland meeting.

Andrea Reynolds, EMD 2006 vice chair, Frank Walles, EMD technical program chair, Jennifer Burton and Amy Sullivan, EMD field trip and short course cochairs, and Mike Wiley, EMD awards chair, did a magnificent job planning the EMD program at the 2006 AAPG Annual Convention in Houston. EMD sponsored or cosponsored sessions were well attended. The EMD awards luncheon featured a talk titled "Perfecting the Search for Unconventional Resource Plays" by Peter Dea, which sold out. EMD sponsored three pre-meeting short courses: "EOR and the Expanding Field of Carbon Dioxide Flooding," "Introduction to GIS for Petroleum Exploration and Development," and "Core Workshop: Core Analysis for Exploration and Development of Sorbed Gas Reservoir Systems," and a post-meeting field trip "Environments of Deposition of Texas Lignites: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly." Thanks to all for a very successful meeting.

I greatly appreciate the cooperation that I received from the entire EMD leadership (Executive Committee, councilors, and committee chairs). Their dedication and willingness to serve made this an enjoyable year.

Peter D. Warwick, President