Gas shales are arguably the hottest gas play in the United States. As a result of the success in the Barnett Shale in the Fort Worth Basin, exploration activities are heating up throughout North America for gas shale prospects.

The shale workshop at the RMAG/AAPG meeting in Denver this year was a great success. Organizers arranged for cores to be brought in from essential every major shale hydrocarbon play in North America.

In recognition of the importance of gas shales and the thirst for knowledgeable gas shale sessions are planned for the upcoming AAPG/CSPG meeting in Calgary and the 2006 meeting in Houston.