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Editor's Page



Geohorizons bows its head to the Nature's fury that occurred at the close of the year 2004. What a havoc it wreaked! We have heard of the cosmic dance of Lord Shiva in the Hindu Mythology. What happened here and now was a terrestrial *Seismic Tandava!* Not only did it shake the Indian Ocean but nearly the entire Earth, about its axis! The tsunami which followed the massive earth quake inundated coastal areas of many nations, thousands of kilometers apart, killing more than 150,000 people and destroying crores of rupees worth of assets, natural as well as manmade. All our knowledge, our know-how, our technologies - were of little use, in predicting it, in forewarning the common man, in providing any type of protection to the living and the non-living. We became humble, helpless and hapless- in front of the Nature's fury, except for witnessing it, and recording it as an Event in the Earth's Natural History. We must all try to do our best in mitigating the sufferings of those affected on one hand and furtherance of our understanding of the science behind such earth phenomenon to stay forewarned.

We have stepped into the Year 2005. *Geohorizons* wishes its readers and patrons a very happy and bright year. Let us hope to find new oil, let us find new concepts to find more oil, new theories to unravel more of the secrets of the Earth.

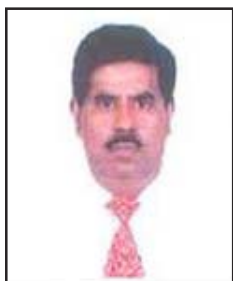
The beginning of New Year was marked by Petrotech-2005. Held in the backdrop of consistently high global oil prices, it turned out to be more than usual petro-political event by drawing attention to importance of exploration and explorationist. The entire country of ours, right from the CEOs of the industries to economists, from bureaucrats to Union Ministers, talked in our lovely language, that is, in geoscientific language. May we say, a good sign indeed!

The papers in this issue of *Geohorizons* represent seismic API fairly and also contain a few papers that were read in the recent "Dakshtapatt", particularly for the benefit of those who could not participate in the Conference. Other papers include innovative measures taken by an Indian geophysical field crew to acquire better seismic data in the Himalayan foot hills and rediscovering 'Weight-Drop' source, with improved technology, for seismic data acquisition. The latter is printed under Industry Update. Students' Section, another new feature of *Geohorizons*, is being inaugurated in this issue with a paper by a Geophysics student from Kurukshetra University, discussing the application of Fission Track Dating for investigating the thermal history of the sedimentary basins. We once again invite similar contributions from our budding geo-scientists for this column.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Arasu' with a flourish underneath.

(R.T. Arasu)
Editor

President's Page



Dear members! Let me once again wish you all and your families a very happy new year 2005! I also hope that most of you have received the New Year mementos, distributed as a token of our appreciation for your continuous patronage to the society. The January 2005 issue of 'Geohorizons' is in your hands. Bringing out this prestigious journal on schedule has been a challenge and our topmost priority. It is heartening to note that with this issue, we have been able to further reduce the delay in publication and hopefully things will fall in line by the next issue. I thank all the contributors and particularly the editorial board, for responding to the call.

The year 2004 ended on a very sad note with the killer Tsunamis causing havoc in India and many other surrounding regions. This only goes on to show that, in spite of all the technological advancements, how little we know about Mother Nature. This has also thrown a new challenge to the entire geo-scientific community to try and improve the methodology for predicting these catastrophic events. There was a brighter side to the disaster after all! The entire world came together generously to contribute their might for the affected families. SPG, India did its bit by contributing Rs. 50,000/- to the 'Prime Minister's Relief Fund'. However, a more fitting contribution would be to create a Geophysical knowledge archive which may be helpful in predicting such natural disasters and hopefully averting the enormous loss of human life and property. Similar views were expressed by President SEG during his recent visit to India.

On the society front, the New Year began on a bright note with Dr. Craig Beasley, President, SEG choosing SPG, India as one of the first fellow societies, to visit and interact with. Accordingly, a talk by Dr. Beasley was organized at Mumbai chapter in January'05, which was attended by around 100 members from various SPG chapters. Dr. Beasley also delivered two key note addresses at Petrotech-2005 held in New Delhi during January 16-19, 2005. The forthcoming SPG conference 'Kolkata-2006' was also launched officially by President, SEG at the SPG booth in Petrotech-2005.

With this launch, comes a huge responsibility and a big commitment to make the event a great success! This can not be achieved without each member making a contribution, be it formulating the event, contributing technical papers, giving ideas as how to improve on our last event and so on. I appeal to all of you to come forward with suggestions and technical contributions in planning this mega event. You will find relevant details of 'Kolkata-2006' in this issue.

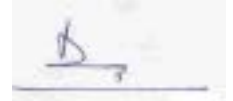
SPG website serves as the common link connecting more than 1200 SPG members world over. The website needs regular updating to make it lively and interactive. We have tried to make the website more interactive during the last few months with the facility of updating membership database/details by the members themselves. However, very few members are availing this facility, which is very disappointing. The executive bodies of all the regional chapters should take a lead in this regard and come up with suggestions to improve and enrich our website and bring it to SEG standards.

The activities conducted by various SPG chapters during the last couple of months also find their due place in this issue and I shall not repeat them here. One important development during the last couple of months has been the move to empanel some of the SPG members as SEG continuing education faculty members for the Asia-Pacific region. Based on the nominations received from the regional chapters, the short-listing was done by a committee and the names have been forwarded to President, SEG for final selection.

As we decided earlier, our endeavor is to ensure greater participation of the representatives in the national/international geophysical conferences. One representative from Jorhat chapter is likely to participate in EAGE-2005 along with another member from SPG, India. In return, the society only expects all the regional chapters to come forward in accelerating all the society activities. I think one of our main priorities at the moment should be a membership renewal/enrolment drive for 2005.

I hope all of us will rise to the task that is in front of us, i.e. taking the society to greater heights on the global platform, without losing the linkage with our grass root members.

I wish you all a very happy reading!

A small, square image showing a handwritten signature in blue ink. The signature appears to be 'A. Saha' written over a horizontal line.

(Apurba Saha)
President

Calendar of Events

- Date** : 10-11 Feb. 2005
Event : Sesimic Geomorphology (GSL/SEPM), Houston, Texas, U.S.
website : www.geolosc.org.uk/seismicgeomorphology
- Date** : 28 Feb-2 Mar 2005
Event : WIT SEG EAGE Seismic Reflection Imaging Workshop, Seeheim, Germany
website : workshop@gpi.uka.de
- Date** : 2-4 Mar. 2005
Event : Second East African Petroleum Conference, Entebbe, Uganda
website : eapc05@eapc.co.ug; / www.eac.int/eapc/
- Date** : 12-15 Mar. 2005
Event : 14th Middle East Oil & Gas show and conference (SPE) "Meeting the Global Demand Challenge, "Bahrain
website : fawzi@aeminfo.com.bh
- Date** : 5-7 Apr. 2005
Event : SEAPEX Exploration Conference 2005, Singapore
website : seapex@seapex.org
- Date** : 2-5 May 2005
Event : Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas, U.S.
website : www.otcnet.org.
- Date** : 15-19 May, 2005
Event : SEG D&P Forum - Q: What's to be Gained from Seismic Loss ? Austin, Texas, U.S.
website : ksmith@seg.org
- Date** : 16-19 May, 2005
Event : SEG/EGS/EPEX/EPA Cairo 2005 Second International Petroleum Conference and Exhibition, Cairo, Egypt
website : cairo2005@seg.org
- Date** : 19-22 June 2005
Event : AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
website : www.aapg.org
- Date** : 20-25 June 2005
Event : 6th Workshop meeting on seismic waves in laterally inhomogenous media, Castle of Hrubá Skála, Czech Republic
website : www.ig.cas.cz/activities/swlimVI.php
- Date** : 11-14 Sept. 2005
Event : SBGf / SEG / EAGE 9th International Conference, Salvador, Bahai, Brazil
website : siston@petrobras.com.br
- Date** : 13-15 Sept. 2005
Event : SAGA / SEG / EAGE 9th Biennial Conference & Exhibition, Cape Town, South Africa
website : reddog@geoafrica.co.za / sagaonline.co.za
- Date** : 3-7 Oct. 2005
Event : BGS-RSG/EAGE/SEG/EGU/AGU 4th Congress of the Balkan Geophysical Society, International Conference and Exhibition of Applied Geophysics and Earth Physics, Bucharest, Romania
website : pterekhova@seg.org
- Date** : 9-12 October 2005
Event : SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, Dallas, Texas, U.S.
website : www.spe.org
- Date** : 6-11 November 2005
Event : SEG Int'l Exposition & 75th Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, U.S.
website : www.seg.org
- Date** : 15-19 November 2005
Event : AAGGP/IAPG/SEG VI Congreso de exploracion y Desarrollo de hidrocarburos, Mar Plata, Argentina
Website : ccruz@pluspetrol.com.ar
- Date** : 5-9 December 2005
Event : AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California U.S.
Website : www.agu.org
- Date** : 9-11, Jan., 2006
Event : 6th International Conference & Exploration on Petroleum Geophysics, Kolkata- 2006
Website : www.spgindia.org
- Date** : 1-4 May 2006
Event : Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, Texas, U.S.
Website : www.otcnet.org
- Date** : 12-15 June 2006
Event : 68th EAGE Annual Conference & Exhibition
Website : www.eage.nl
- Date** : 24-27 September 2006
Event : 2006 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.
Website : www.spe.org
- Date** : 1-6 October 2006
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- Date** : 11-15 December 2006
Event : AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California .U.S.
Website : www.agu.org
- Date** : 30 April - 3 May 2007
Event : Offshore Technology Confernce, Houston, Texas U.S.
Website : www.otcnet.org
- Date** : 30 Sept. - 3 Oct. 2007
Event : 2007 SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.
Website : www.spe.org
- Date** : 10-14 December 2007
Event : AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, U.S.
Website : www.agu.org
- Date** : 2008
Event : SEG. Int'II Exposition & 78th Annual Meeting, Dallas Texas, U.S.
website : www.seg.org
- Date** : 15-19 December 2008
Event : AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California. U.S.
Website : www.agu.org
- Date** : 2009
Event : SEG Int'l Exposition & 79th Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas U.S.

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