

Career Outreach Expands With Student Brochure

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This industry needs more talented young people! Reaching young people about careers in the oil and natural gas industry is one of the primary goals of the Energy Information Committee.

To help this effort, we have produced a new career brochure for high school students. The brochure focuses on this exciting time in the industry, as well as where engineers work, the variety of technical specialties, and how to prepare for a career. The design is updated to appeal to today's youth and includes a crossword puzzle on the top 10 reasons to become a petroleum engineer. SPE sections can order as many as 100 free copies of the brochure by emailing books@spe.org. Members can distribute copies of the brochure at career fairs and when they make school presentations. We have also expanded our outreach to school guidance counselors, offering the brochure in advertisements in the *American School Counselor* magazine.

In addition to the printed brochure, we are producing video interviews of young professionals discussing their careers. We asked SPE young professionals from around the globe about what they do at their jobs and why they enjoy their work. These videos will be available on the new www.energy4me website and distributed to teachers and students on CD.

We know that young professionals are valuable industry ambassadors to high school and college audiences. SPE is providing young professionals to speak to university students as part of the American Petroleum Institute's "Tech Tour," which is going around the US to show the high technology the industry uses today to find more oil and natural gas. The Tech Tour visits state legislatures in non-oil-producing states and at nearby universities. These SPE young professionals recently spoke to college students at the following universities: Ohio State University (David Dell'Osso of Houston), Tulane University (Josh Etkind of New Orleans), Penn State University (student member Doruk Soren, a graduate student at Penn State), and University of Virginia (Janice Meehan of Houston). And we are looking for more opportunities to reach science and engineering students about careers in our industry.

We welcome your suggestions on opportunities to reach students in your section or region. This is a global effort. The Energy Information Committee recently received inquiries from members in India who are interested in energy education outreach. Please send your feedback and ideas to energied@energy4me.org.



The SPE New Delhi Section celebrated the 50th anniversary of SPE on 6 October with more than 150 members and guests from the E&P industry in India. Ali H. Al-Hasan, SPE director Middle East region, was guest of honor. Section Chairperson A.K. Hazarika spoke about the achievements of the section, including its selection for the 2007 SPE President's Award for Section Excellence for the second year in a row. Pictured from left to right are S.K. Manglik, former chairperson ONGC, SPE New Delhi Section Lifetime Achievement Award winner; R.S. Sharma, chairperson and managing director, ONGC; Ali H. Al-Hasan, Saudi Aramco, SPE director Middle East region; and A.K. Hazarika, director Onshore ONGC, New Delhi Section chairperson, cutting the SPE 50th Anniversary cake.

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SPE Student Chapters Win Honors

Six student chapters were finalists for the SPE 2007 Outstanding Student Chapter Award, recognizing a student chapter whose programs, activities, and levels of participation during a single academic year distinguish that chapter from all others. The winner of this year's award is the Texas A&M University Chapter. The other finalists are the chapters at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Istanbul Technical University, the Universidad del Zulia, Malaysia University of Technology, and the University of Port Harcourt.

The award was presented during the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in November. The Texas A&M chapter hosted many activities last year, including a Career Enhancement Event and career fair; an annual golf tournament for both students and members of the industry with proceeds going to a scholarship fund; and a Women in Industry night, which featured presentations from five female professionals in the industry.



The SPE Mumbai Section celebrated SPE's 50th anniversary on 13 September in Mumbai. Attendance included 350 section members and students. The evening included a welcoming speech, awards, an overview of the history of SPE, recognition of senior SPE members of the Mumbai Section, a cultural program, and dancing. Pictured from left to right are Ashish Nagar, secretary; P.K. Verma, program chairperson; N.K. Mitra, section chairperson; R.S. Sharma, chairperson and managing director, ONGC; Anil Kumar, membership chairperson; and Kapil Garg, managing director, British Gas, India.



The SPE Romanian Section organized its first international technical conference titled "150 Years of Romanian Petroleum Engineering: Tradition and Challenges," which took place 14–17 October in Bucharest, Romania. The conference included a technical program that presented some of the latest changes in the energy industry and the evolution of the oil and gas industry. More than 40 presentations were made during the technical sessions, with topics ranging from geophysics to data management. The event celebrated the 150 years of the Romanian petroleum industry and the 50th anniversary of SPE. Pictured from left to right are Corneliu Condrea, Constantin G. Popa, Klaus Potsch, Ashiq Hussain, Magali Anderson, Wolfgang E. Schollnberger, Vlad Ulmanu, and Werner Ladwein at the opening ceremony of the conference.