



Professional Societies Announce New Joint Search Service

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TULSA, Oklahoma, and RICHARDSON, Texas (July 19, 2006) -- Internet users looking for topics related to the upstream oil and gas industry can now find relevant technical papers from three leading professional societies with a single search. The American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) and Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) have formed a joint search service called LookUpstream that allows a simultaneous search of the technical libraries of all three organizations, totaling nearly 100,000 technical papers.

"This single search location is something that members have asked us for, and we're pleased to be able to make it a reality," said Mark Rubin, executive director of SPE.

Mary Fleming, executive director of SEG, added, "We believe that LookUpstream offers members a useful research tool and may allow them to find resources they might otherwise have missed."

LookUpstream is a free search service. Users will continue to link to the individual society websites to purchase the papers identified in the search or obtain them through member or institutional subscriptions. LookUpstream offers a significant time-savings by enabling a comprehensive search of the exploration and production industry literature in all three libraries. Richard "Rick" D. Fritz, executive director of AAPG, said, "LookUpstream is another of the many ways our three societies are working together to provide enhanced service to the upstream industry."

LookUpstream is available at <http://www.lookupstream.org>.

About AAPG

Founded in 1917, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (www.aapg.org) fosters scientific research to advance the science of geology, to promote technology, and to inspire high professional conduct. With over 30,000 members in 115 countries, AAPG provides publications, conferences and educational opportunities to geoscientists, and disseminates the most current geological information available to members and the general public. AAPG supports a code of ethics for professional geologists to assure employers and clients of the integrity of its members.

About SEG

The Society of Exploration Geophysicists is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the science of geophysics and the education of applied geophysicists. SEG, founded in 1930, fosters the expert and ethical practice of geophysics in the exploration and development of natural resources, in characterizing the near surface and in mitigating earth hazards. The Society, which has more than 25,000 members in 129 countries, fulfills its mission through its publications, conferences, forums, website (www.seg.org) and educational opportunities.

About SPE

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a not-for-profit professional association whose members are engaged in energy resources development and production. SPE serves 69,000-plus members in 112 countries worldwide. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry and provides services through its publications, conferences, workshops, forums and website at www.spe.org.