



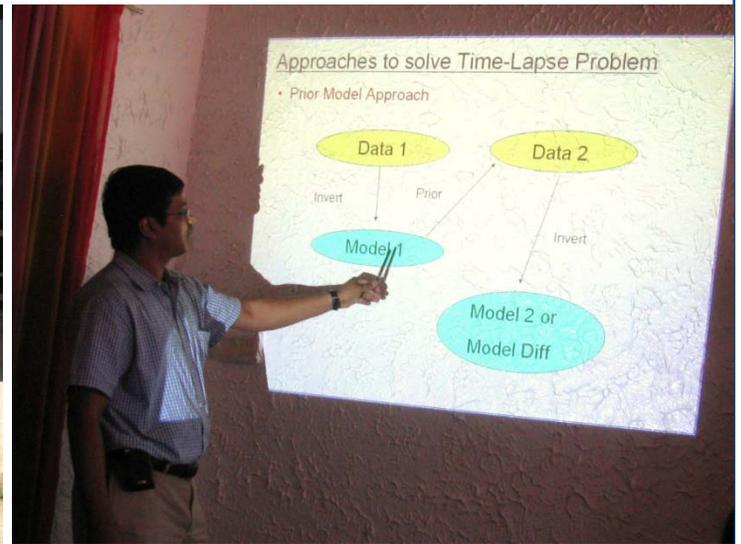
SPG North American Chapter Newsletter

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2009 Q1 meeting, Houston



Dr. Partha Routh, 2009 Q1 , Houston



2009 Q2 meeting, University of Houston



2009 Q3 meeting @ SEG, Houston



Introduction:

I am pleased to compile the first newsletter of the SPG North American Chapter (SPGNA). We plan to publish this at the end of every year. The newsletter is intended to summarize the activities for the current year and notify to future plans. SPGNA had a successful year in 2009. The main highlights are: redesigned our website, collected articles for a special edition of Geohorizons, supported an Indian faculty (Dr. Rima Chatterjee, ISMU) to attend and present at SEG-2009, conducted four meetings, and coordinated with many Indian Geoscientists.

I, personally would like to work more closely with universities in India. We have listed many good resources on our web including internet links of free books, data and software that can be useful to both faculty members and students. The email addresses of SPGNA members are posted on our web so that an individual can directly contact them as needed. We are interested to work with university and industry in India for better collaboration between them. There are various research and job opportunities in India and abroad these days and we are interested to help. SPG-2010 is scheduled during Feb 1-3, 2010 and SPGNA is working with SPG-India to make it a successful event.

I thank all SPGNA members for their help and suggestions. Special thanks to Abhijit Gangopadhyay for conducting meetings in Houston and to Ranjan Dash for managing the website.

SPGNA is committed to providing an active global platform for Indian geophysicists. We do need help from all of you. Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Until next newsletter,
Dhananjay



2009 Activities:

1. Submitted 8 articles for Geohorizons (SPG-India publication). Dr. Mrinal Sen is the editor/reviewer for this special issue.
2. Collected donations from SPGNA members to support the visit of Dr. Rima Chatterjee from ISMU Dhanbad to attend SEG-2009.
3. Updating website on a regular basis. Please visit the SPGNA website (www.spgnorthamerica.org) and let us know your comments.
4. Created a Wiki (<http://sites.google.com/site/spgnorthamerica>) - we need contributions from all SPGNA members.
5. Identified 10 items during 2009 Q1 luncheon meeting and we are making progress on all.
6. Conducted 4 meetings:
 - I. Q1 meeting in Houston, where we discussed various issues and had a technical presentation by Dr. Partha Routh,
 - II. Q2 meeting in the campus of University of Houston: Many students participated and we had a technical presentation by Dr. Mrinal Sen,
 - III. Q3 meeting in Houston during SEG-2009, and
 - IV. Q4 meeting in San Francisco during AGU-2009.
7. Contacted universities in India to make them aware of the various opportunities in Geophysics and coordinated with them on various issues, e.g., we helped IIT Kharagpur to start SEG student chapter. There are now 10 SEG student chapters in India.
8. Helped many students in India to get internship/fulltime positions in India and abroad, and in application for higher studies. Published various available opportunities/positions on our web.



Plan 2010:

1. Work closely with SPG-India to make SPG-2010 a successful event
2. Organize a mini annual conference with family members
3. Start a SPGNA funding/scholarship to support students and faculties from India
4. Conduct regular meetings
5. More active on SPGNA Wiki

Event Calendar

2009:

28th March, Q1 meeting, Houston
25th July, Q2 meeting, Houston
28th Oct., @SEG, Houston
16th Dec., @AGU, San Francisco

2010:

20th Oct., @SEG, Denver
15th Dec., @AGU, San Francisco

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