

Regional Coordinators Report – March 2007 Asian Pacific Region

The main goal for this region is visibility for growth. For some examples, New Zealand has three potential universities for Student Sections. Indonesia has six major universities with geoscience programs and only three Student Sections. Malaysia is just getting started and has four potential universities for Student Sections. Australia has five universities with Student Sections and four universities with geophysics programs with geophysics programs without Student Sections.

The SEG should expand its visibility in the area. For example, Australia wants more venues for SEG presentations. Malaysia wants SEG presentations to be given in local universities. Malaysia also wants help from the SEG administrative people in setting up the SEG section there. Malaysia wants Continuing Education Programs, “road shows” to the academic and geoscience communities, and SEG as an exhibitor in local conferences. Indonesia wants SEG to provide complete information related to SEG support for student and the internal society. New Zealand wants the SEG to keep sponsoring the ASEG as many of the New Zealand geophysicists go to that venue. This visibility should be another goal for the reason. Enhanced use of the Internet should be looked into as this is an important tool for this area.

Again this area is a fertile area for growth. The global membership will be popular in the area and its advantages should be made known if not done so already. We look forward to further development of this region in 2007.

Australia

Specific Goals and Accomplishments

- 1) Use conferences as a way to promote SEG membership (ASEG Conference for example).
- 2) Collaboration of ASEG, SEG Japan, and Korean SEG continues by jointly issuing journals. It is a goal to keep this collaboration going.
- 3) Perhaps SEG can relax the venue selection criterion to include hopefully six locations across the country.
- 4) Gave Country Representatives and Regional Coordinators provide clear objectives and task assignment.

Student Sections

- 1) There are five universities that have student sections.
- 2) There are four more universities that teach geophysics but don't have Student Sections.

Value of SEG

- 1) Main advantage is the publications.
- 2) Internet is well serving the members.

To gain new members

- 1) DISC for mineral subjects.
- 2) This may bring more mineral geophysicists into the SEG fold.

Indonesia

Goal – To promote the need of geophysics for development

Society professional activities

- 1) HAGI annual meeting – Shallow Prospect Theme

- 2) The luncheon talk at the New Orleans convention was given by Mr. Sukusen, Corporate Senior Vice President Upstream of PERTAMINA.
- 3) Plan for joint meeting of HAGI-IAGI (Indonesian Association of Geologists).

SEG Membership for Indonesia

- 1) 349 total members, 18 Active, 51 Associate, 151 Global, 125 Student
- 2) There are three universities with Student Sections. There are six universities with geoscience programs.
- 3) There are 1500 geophysicists working in the country.
- 4) Members take advantage through
 - a. Publication
 - b. Web Site
 - c. International Conference
 - d. Annual Meeting
 - e. Network Development

Malaysia

Goals and Accomplishments

- 1) Organize and setup first local section meeting
- 2) Muster international support from SEG
- 3) Broaden sponsorship base
- 4) Promote SEG to local university
- 5) Increase membership

Activities and Communication with Sections

- 1) Local SEG members very keen to have first meeting in order to form a working local section.
- 2) Want to have SEG's administrative people to help in setting up a strong local section.

Activities and Communication with Student Sections

- 1) SEG is not that popular with local universities as there is less exposure to the local academic group.
- 2) Perhaps SEG could assist in having speakers coming to the universities
- 3) There are four potential Student Sections.

Membership

As stated before, local members want SEG to be more active.

How can SEG better serve geophysicists?

- 1) Sponsor continuing education programs.
- 2) Setup local section in order to promote SEG activities.
- 3) Have a “road show” to the academic and geoscience community.
- 4) Have SEG as an exhibitor in local conferences.
- 5) Have an honorary members program with local societies.

New Zealand

Goals

- 1) Establish more Student Sections.
- 2) Distribute more SEG membership information.
- 3) Recognize geophysicists in New Zealand to receive SEG honors.

Conferences

- 1) Annual meeting of the New Zealand Geophysical Society took place in December 2006 with 120 attendees

- 2) A workshop was conducted on active fluid flow and deformation.

Value to Membership

- 1) Online access to Geophysics and The Leading Edge highly valued.
- 2) Support of the ASEG highly valued.
- 3) Any improvement in on-line services would help New Zealand members.
- 4) Want SEG Distinguished visitors. Last one was Heloise Lynn in August 2004.

Oil and Gas Industry

- 1) Activity is low.
- 2) 189 geophysicists total
- 3) 59 total SEG members
- 4) About 15 geophysicists graduating per year.