



NEWSLETTER: November 2008

Message from the LPS President:

It's evening as I write this November's presidents message and I'm sitting at home in front of the PC hearing the sounds of fireworks going off in my neighbourhood. If it's Guy Fawkes night, I'm shocked to think that this must mean that Christmas is not too far away. How the year has flown! We've plenty of LPS business to conduct before the year is out, and events to plan for 2009, so on to the business at hand.

Firstly, special thanks must go to Gavin Hunt of Spectramap Ltd for his October presentation on their SpecCam-IR spectroscopy technology, which can be used for real-time analysis of cuttings and core material for mining and petroleum applications. The meeting was well attended and the talk was thought provoking and led to a good standard of question and debate after the formal presentation.

Thereafter on 17th November we hold the Annual General Meeting, where all bonafide LPS members are welcome to elect the new committee under the auspices of Past President Patrick Crossouard. Patrick is in the final stages of organising the Committee for 2009, so if any member wishes to run for any position at this late stage, please contact him as soon as possible

To entice you further, the AGM will be followed by an off topic talk. These talks tend to have a loose affiliation to geology, geography or travel and adventure. In past years we have had talks on dowsing, the geology of wine, round-the-world yacht racing and the Ocean Drilling Project. This year's talk will be by Norman and Maggie Magowan, who undertook a Pan-America motorbike ride from Chile to Alaska in 2004 as both a personal adventure and as a fundraiser for Cancer Research UK. Please therefore make a special effort to come along to the AGM. Enclosed in this newsletter (a month early but to whet your appetite!) is some more details and a few photos taken directly from Norman and Maggie's website:

<http://www.panamericanadventure.com/>

On another note, just a reminder that 15^h December sees our final one day seminar for 2008; **Basic FE: Pushing and Pulling** at the Geolsoc that will concentrate on the basics of wireline and LWD data acquisition and analysis, comparing and contrasting the two conveyance methods. As previously this is an education seminar primarily focused at non-petrophysicists: to expose them to the basics of the subject. We therefore ask members to publicise the event in their organisation to ensure the widest possible exposure. Why not print the poster out and display it somewhere prominent in your office?

We will also be following this seminar with our traditional President's Evening. This will be held at the King's Head Champagne bar, 10 Stafford Street as per last year, and is open to all LPS members, not just those attending the seminar. Hope to see you there!

Jonathan Lean: LPS President



LPS Evening Meeting and AGM – November 17th, 6 pm at Burlington House:

PAN-AMERICA MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE

In January 2004 Norman & Maggie Magowan exchanged their routine 9 to 5 existence in the South East of England for a grand motorcycling adventure up through the Americas. The trip was inspired by the loss of close family members to cancer, providing them with the motivation to use the trip as a fund-raiser for Cancer Research UK.

Their lives would experience a dramatic change in pace and direction, as they became biking nomads travelling on two BMW F650GS motorcycles along the Pan American Highway. The journey started in Chile, where they set off on the long road to Alaska, encountering some of the hottest, coldest, wettest and driest conditions on Earth along the way!

Norman and Maggie: “It wasn't a lightly made decision to turn our backs on a decent job with a good standard of living. Both of us have been in full employment since leaving school and have grown accustomed to that regular paycheck at the end of every month. However our peaceful, happy-go-lucky world was turned upside down and then finally shattered through dealing with cancer in both of our immediate families. First, Norman's Dad died from duodenal cancer that took his life at 66. Then Maggie's brother, David, became another victim of lung cancer and he died quickly, too soon at the age of 48”.

“Our world was permanently scarred and changed. These events challenged our own existence and made us question what we really wanted from the rest of our lives. One of the things that kept us going through the bad times was the belief that good times would surely follow and so we began to re-examine our dreams. Foremost of these was a desire to undertake a major extended journey, preferably by bike. We had pondered such a trip for a number of years but had always found excuses in work, building a home or lack of funds to put it off. But now those dreams gained a new priority.”

“Overland to Oz or a run up the Americas looked good. The then current situation in the Middle East put paid to the first, but the second looked very feasible. The next problem was one of our old excuses for not doing it - how to pay for it. The 'rainy day' had been and gone and the 'save something' would just about cover the cost of the bikes we would need. Then Norman's work announced that they were seeking volunteers for a severance scheme and the reward for 15 years of faithful service was enough to fund the trip. At this point it became an easy and obvious choice to make.”

“But realising this dream journey was only part of it. We also wanted to fight back at the cancer, this disease that has taken such a toll on our lives. We decided to dedicate our Pan-American Adventure as a fundraiser for Cancer Research UK. We believe that if we can help in any small way to relieve someone else's suffering then it has got to be worth doing”.







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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17th November, AGM plus talk, Geological Society, London, Piccadilly, 6pm –
Norman and Maggie Magowan, Pan American Adventure in aid of Cancer Research U.K.

Monday 15th December, One Day Seminar, Geological Society, London, Piccadilly –
“Push or Pull”, Theory and Application of LWD and Wireline.

Monday 19th January, Half Day Seminar, Geological Society, London, Piccadilly – New
Technology Half Day Seminar (Free).



London Petrophysical Society
One-day Seminar



“Push or Pull”

Theory and Applications of LWD and Wireline

Monday 15th December 2008 at the Geological Society, London

A series of talks and discussions on the basics of wireline and LWD data acquisition and analysis, comparing and contrasting the two conveyance methods: principles, interpretation, common pitfalls and problems.

Who Should Attend?

Geologists, reservoir engineers, geophysicists, technical assistants, and support staff requiring an introduction to, or a refresher course on formation evaluation.

Why?

Effective communication is essential where multi-disciplinary teams are working with varied technical data in complex geological environments.

This one-day seminar will provide a basic understanding and vocabulary for professionals from a wide-variety of backgrounds. It can only improve the way you work together as a team

The technical program includes:

The Basics: Differences between LWD and Wireline, Challenges, Applications, Case studies to support the theory.

Presentations by:

Baker Hughes, Centrica, Perenco, Petro-Canada, RWE, BP and many others

Registration:

£150 for LPS/PESGB/AFES/SPE Members

£175 for Non-members (LPS is not VAT registered)

Please contact: Sasthene.Parker@tgsnopec.com

For further information visit: <http://www.lps.org.uk>

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Registration Form

LPS One-day Seminar, Monday 15th December 2008
The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, UK

" Basic Formation Evaluation V – Push or Pull

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	

For more programme information visit the LPS web-site at: <http://www.lps.org>

Registration Fees £150.00 for members or £175.00 for non-members

The registration fee includes, coffee/tea, lunch, closing drinks and **entrance to the LPS Christmas Party!!**

Speakers and Student/Academics are free of charge.

All fees must be paid on or before the seminar

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We are currently looking for exceptional Petrophysicists to join BP teams in our UK Sunbury office, which is one of our main centres of excellence. You will be supporting our activities in our North Africa, Middle East, Azerbaijan, Egypt or Angola businesses, or will be part of our Exploration Technology Group or our Alternative Energy activities. We are looking to fill a number of positions at a range of experience levels, and although the greater

emphasis will be on field studies, some will have a component of well operations support.

As a Petrophysicist in BP you will be a key member of an integrated subsurface team, working on world class operations and using state of the art technology. Using your knowledge of rock types and pore system dynamics, you will interpret reservoir properties from log, core and pressure measurements. You will have opportunities to take a technical lead and your delivery will be central to major exploration, development and production decisions.

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