

Highlights of the 43rd Annual Logging Symposium Oiso, Japan, June 2002 - by Satoshi Tono General Chairman of the Organizing Committee of Oiso 2002

The 43rd Annual Logging Symposium, June 2-5 in Oiso Japan can be marked as a successful meeting of the SPWLA's first Annual Symposium in the Asia-Oceania region. With devoted preparation work by the organizing committee members, we had more than 350 registrants including over 100 domestic participants even in the remote and suburb location away from the metropolitan Tokyo area due to unavailability of a closer venue with overlapping timing of FIFA 2002 Korea/Japan World Cup soccer games. As general chairman of the organizing committee, I truly thank all of the attendants for coming over to the event.

Over 350 people from 26 countries showed up for the event, which was held in the Oiso Prince Hotel along the Pacific coast, some 60km and 140km away from center of Tokyo and Narita International Airport, respectively. Just before the wet season and summer, we did not encounter rainfall during the meeting with moderately warm-hot climate. The social events include the IceBreaker reception, Japan Night, Cocktail Party and Awards Banquet, Buffet Breakfast, Annual Business Lunch, Chapter President Lunch, and Past President Lunch.

There were 52 papers selected and presented out of 175 submitted abstracts as talks and published in the Transactions CD, 10 papers presented as posters and published in the Transactions CD, although 1 presentation was cancelled for presentation eventually. Quality and selection of topics of the talks were verified by the fact that technical session kept interests of the audience toward the end of the session.

This year the Transactions were provided only in the form of CD with an option to order in printing at a later date. This style is the general trend of this type of meetings worldwide.

On Sunday, more than 80 people enjoyed the Field Trip focusing volcano and active fault to Hakone and Mt. Fuji area led by Mr. Kitani and Mr. Yoshida, although the famous Mt. Fuji was in the veil of fog all day long. Good news was no rainfall, no injury, and no eruption or earthquake. On the same day we had one workshop on Evaluation and Management of Fractured Reservoirs in Conventional and Basement Rocks, conducted by Dr. Ronald Nelson, which attracted experts of this hot field. Traditional Golf Tournament was once planned but cancelled because of very limited applicants. People seemed to prefer sightseeing or shopping rather than playing golf this time. Registration process peaked on Sunday. The Sunday evening icebreaker reception (sponsored by Schlumberger) gave all of the delegates a chance to meet and greet each other with under crowded but relaxed atmosphere with dance performance by five beautiful real Geisha Girls. Thanks to Schlumberger for this entertainment.

Monday's activities started at 7:00 AM with the Buffet Breakfast (sponsored by Computalog), followed by the opening of the technical sessions and exhibits. After receiving welcome address by Mr. Katano, Mayor of Oiso Town, two keynote speakers Mr. Shimamura of JNOC and Mr. Iskander of Schlumberger gave general views of Japanese energy industry and present-day challenge for log evaluation, respectively. Following two consecutive Annual Symposium, we kept all the talks with PowerPoint™ software for the Technical Session. All presentation files were checked and recorded at the slide center and delivered to the Technical Session's notebook PC via CD-R. We asked speakers to operate notebook PC themselves with chairperson's assistance. Total 12 Technical Sessions were programmed to cover from Monday thru Wednesday. The Monday evening social event named Japan Night (sponsored, in part, by Baker Atlas) with a bit more than 200 attendants was held at the Prince Hotel's Annex "Sorokaku". Served with traditional Japanese food including Susi as well as a variety of food, all really enjoyed particularly music by experts of Tsugaru Shamisen, a Japanese traditional three-stringed musical instrument, and Taiko, a Japanese traditional percussion. After a cask breaking ceremony of Japanese Sake, called Kagamiwari, by four gentlemen wearing Happi jacket and Katsura cap, the Sake from the

wooden barrel was served with a wooden cup, or Masu. Many of participants loved to take photos wearing Happi and Katsura. The volume of consumption of the Sake made a surprise to the hotel staff.

Tuesday evening's activities included a Cocktail Party (sponsored by Halliburton) and annual Awards Banquet, at which the Society honored several of its members for their outstanding contributions in both the technical and service areas.

On Wednesday, final day of the technical session, we saw many of delegates went out of the Hotel on foot toward the local noodle shops, or Ramen-ya, instead of taking lunch at the restaurants of the hotel. After each social event, a nearby small bar-restaurant, called Izakaya, was always full with a number of multi-cultured people, as far as I heard.

There were three official spouse's activities organized in conjunction with the symposium, namely one full day bus tour of the HAKONE national park/Mt. Fuji Tour, a Tokyo Grand Tour and Discover Historical Kamakura on Foot Tour. The number of registrants was more than expected with a lot of on-site application.

The closing event, Door Prized Drawing sponsored by GSC, or Geophysical Survey Company, was presented in "must-be-present-to-win" basis. This year's door prizes were a digital camera, and subordinate two Happi'y" sets comprising a Happi, a jacket for festival, and a Katsura, a fake cap of Samurai style.

By almost any measure, the SPWLA 43rd Annual Logging Symposium was a great success. Thanks are due to the authors, speakers, and to those who presented posters. Many thanks also go to the exhibitors and sponsors, only a few of these have been mentioned here. I'd like to give my thanks to session chairpersons, member of the Technology Committee, the SPWLA Board, Phillip Theys, Gary Beck, Jim Klein, Vicky King, Sharon Johnson, JNOC, and Executive Committee including Tsuneo Shimamura of JNOC, Iin Arifin Takhyan of Pertamina, Mohamad Idris Mansor of Petronas, Kazuhiko Taniguchi of Teikoku Oil, Fumio Okabe of JAPEX, and Chakib Sbiti of Schlumberger .)

Finally special thanks to the Organizing Committee devotedly worked for almost two years toward this meeting: Makoto Miyairi, Fumio Okitsu, Leslie Nutt, Shizu Kobayashi, Shigemi Matsuda, Masaru Nakamizu, Masaaki Funayama, Hideki Saito, Seiichi Kitani, Masashi Takayama, Yuichi Ito, Makoto Sato, Jiro Watanabe, Allen Gilchrist, Doug Seiler, Peter Lloyd, and Vicki King along with those who worked as staff at Oiso Prince Hotel.

Now I pass my role to the next Symposium Committee to host 44th Annual Logging Symposium in Galveston, TX June 22-25, 2003 hoping another great success to the Society.

The following organizations generously supported the symposium by sponsoring events, contributing to the general fund or exhibiting. We are looking forward to seeing them in Galveston, TX, June 22-25, 2003.

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Announcement - Election of the Board

With reference to the By-laws of the Japan Chapter of the Society of Professional Well Log Analysts, Article II Term of Office, the current board committee members are now completing their duties for 1999-2001 and 2002 for their special extension period due to SPWLA Oiso, therefore a new board committee for 2002-2004 needs to be elected.

Both candidacy and nomination are accepted at the election. Candidates and nominators are requested to complete the attached application form together with the personal summary and return to the secretary of SPWLA Japan Chapter by the end of August 2002.

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Election will take place at the 40th Chapter Meeting. It will be held at INPEX Corporation on Friday, September 27th, 2002. The program of the 40th Chapter Meeting will be announced at the beginning of September with the list of candidates.

If any seat remains vacant after the deadline, the Nominating Committee shall nominate few qualified members for each office of the Chapter.

For more detailed definitions for each officers and duties, please contact the secretary.
We look forward hearing from you.

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SPWLA-Japan Chapter BOARD MEMBERS 2002-2004

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| First Vice President (1): | Maintain communication with the parent SPWLA and recommend memberships and chairpersons of various committees. |
| Vice President, Technology (1): | Responsible for the technical programs of the Chapter and encourage participation in technical activities. |
| Vice President, Membership (1): | Responsible for the membership issues and encourage membership in the Chapter and in the parent SPWLA. |
| Secretary (1): | Responsible for publication, announcement and minutes of regular and special meetings. |
| Treasurer (1): | Make disbursements and transact other financial business authorized by the Chapter. |
| Director (10): | Participate in the activities of the Executive Committee as directed by the president. Each director shall take roll in the symposium such as to coordinate international relationship, arrange awards for papers at the annual symposium and prepare banquets and review abstracts. |

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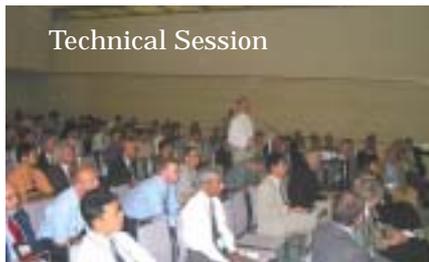
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Technical Session



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Japan Night



Award Banquet

