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PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN SUBANDEAN BASINS



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“Learning from the Past - Looking to the Future”

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INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

I have the great honor and pleasure to invite you to attend and actively participate in the X Simposio Bolivariano Petroleum Exploration in Subandean Basins, which will be held in the city of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia from July 26th to 29th of 2009. This time the slogan of the meeting is "Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future" and one of the main ideas we have, is to request papers that outline ventures in which great science and technical work were used but ended in exploration failure. We are all aware of dry holes, these are part of the nature of our business, and many times the work done on these ventures is forgotten, or simply stored in company files as postmortem reports. Discoveries, on the contrary, are published and widely disclosed, and lessons from them are assimilated. Learning from "failures" and the understanding of the reasons for failure is seldom presented, science is biased against unsuccessful case histories... and we end up missing a large percentage of the information! For this symposium we would like to request papers from brave geologists and geophysicists that work in companies that recognize this critical aspect of our business, to present such case histories; we will also request papers that outline success stories based on great science – not based on luck!. I am convinced that we can improve our future if we better understand the past; I am sure this theme will appeal to all of you.

Also, the technical program of this symposium will be more petroleum - oriented than past symposia, with themes that are relevant and directly applicable to today's and near-future challenges.

Some themes will be treated with significant skepticism; few accepted concepts will be questioned by authors. Today's business environment will also be challenged; because of high oil prices, there is an appetite for exploration and production projects and more risk money is available. Is this new capital being properly deployed? Do newly funded projects meet technical standards? Are new good ideas being generated? Are we really finding more oil? We will attempt to provide insight.

Last but not least, in this X Simposio, we will continue with the mix of technical aspects and social activities that past symposia have had. See you in Cartagena!

Tomas Villamil

AGENDA

50 papers/abstracts will be selected for oral presentations and 60 for poster presentations. The symposium will include distinguished lectures, short courses and geologic field trips.



THEMES

Learning From the Past

1. Failures and lessons learned during the exploration of the Subandean basins
2. Why is there oil in Subandean basins?
3. Failures, successes and lessons learned in the use of new seismic technologies
4. Stories of successful and not-successful operations in sensitive areas
5. Stories of dry wells: short-term failure may lead to long-term success



Looking to the Future

1. Do new exploration plays exist in the Subandean basins?
2. Sequence stratigraphy applied to improve exploration and production of hydrocarbons in the Subandean basins
3. Mature Fields - A new exploratory challenge
4. New advances in the structural interpretation of the Subandean basins - Learning from our mistakes
5. Do faults seal? - Models and applications in exploration and production of hydrocarbons
6. Hydrodynamic Traps - Fiction or reality?
7. Regional variations of hydrocarbons types across the Subandean basins - How to avoid errors in predicting fluid properties
8. Regional basin modelling applied to the analysis of the petroleum systems in the Subandean basins: is it really useful?
9. Prospectivity of the Andean fold and thrust belts: Romanticism vs Realism
10. Evidences of tectonic inversion in Subandean basins and the implication in hydrocarbons exploration
11. Are there any Giant fields to be discovered in Subandean basins?
12. Exploration and production of heavy crude oil - Present and Future

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are limited to 250 words, and must be submitted through the symposium's website.

For further instructions visit our Web site.

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Deadline for abstracts submission:

November 30, 2008

MANUSCRIPTS

All papers must be submitted ready for publication following the instructions posted on the symposium's website. The papers accepted for presentation by the Technical Committee will be published in the memoirs of the symposium. Awards for best papers at closing ceremony.

Deadline for papers submission: **April 30, 2009**

COURSES AND GEOLOGIC FIELD TRIPS

We will include further details about these events in our second newsletter.

STUDENTS

For this version of the Symposium we are preparing a special program for all participating students, which will include activities such as a special poster session, the 2nd Latin-American Challenge Bowl and conferences. For more information visit our website.

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LANGUAGES

Spanish / English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.



TECHNOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

We invite all oil companies, as well as service companies to reserve booths at the technological exhibition. The exhibition will provide an excellent opportunity for new business, and to present your most recent technologies, products and services. The maximum number of exhibitors will be limited to 40. Please follow the instructions posted on our website to reserve a booth.

HEADQUARTERS

Hilton Hotel Convention Center
Cartagena, Colombia
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With over 25 years of experience in the Colombian market, the Hilton Hotel is located at the widest point of "El Laguito" Peninsula, just 10 minutes south from the old walled city, which give guests easy access to historical sites, and just 15 minutes from Rafael Núñez International Airport. In addition, the Hilton Hotel has its own Convention Center and Executive Tower to offer visitors all the technology and comfort they need during their stay in Cartagena.

PARTICIPANTS

The number of participants at the X Simposio Bolivariano is limited to 700 people.

REGISTRATON FEES(*)

	until December 31 st , 2008	from January 1 st , 2009
ACGGP members	US\$ 550	US\$ 640
Non members	US\$ 600	US\$ 690
Spouse/Guest**	US\$ 150	US\$ 190
Student ACGGP member***	US\$ 100	US\$ 130
Student***	US\$ 120	US\$ 160

* The cost of registration will allow attendees to participate in all conferences, technical sessions and social events that are part of the agenda of the Symposium.

**Spouses and accompanying participants can only attend social events.

*** Limited capacity for students, restrictions apply.

Visa, Master Card and American Express credit cards are accepted

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TOURISM AND HOTELS

City Tours, Tours to the "Old City" and other nearby exotic places, as well as trips to the Rosario Islands are offered. For your stay and comfort, we will sign agreements with 5 and 4 star hotels in the city of Cartagena.

More details will be published in the second Newsletter.

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CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

Is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world and in 1984 was listed by Unesco as historical and cultural heritage of humanity. Cartagena is located on the shores of the Caribbean Sea, on the northern coast of Colombia. Founded in 1533, the city is one of the architectural jewels left by the Spanish Crown in South America. With fortresses and walls that protected the old city against the attacks by armies and pirates, Cartagena is positioned today as one of the most prosperous cities of Colombia with nearly one million inhabitants. The excellent restaurants, resorts, hotels and beaches make Cartagena one of the most desirable tourist destinations in the Colombian Caribbean.

Cartagena de Indias Colombia, from La Popa.

CHRONOLOGY OF SIMPOSIO BOLIVARIANO PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN SUBANDEAN BASINS

I. Bogotá – Colombia
August 18 to 20 of 1985

II. Bogotá - Colombia
August 13 to 16 of 1985

III. Caracas – Venezuela
March 13 to 16 of 1988

IV. Bogotá, Colombia
March 10 to 13 of 1991

V. Puerto de la Cruz – Venezuela
March 13 to 16 of 1994

VI. Cartagena de Indias - Colombia
September 14 to 17 of 1997

VII. Caracas – Venezuela
September 7 to 10 of 2000

VIII. Cartagena de Indias - Colombia
September 21 to 24 of 2003

IX. Cartagena de Indias - Colombia
September 24 to 27 of 2006



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