



There's not a lot to look forward to in February. It's still winter; no one believes the Groundhog anyway. There is Valentine's Day, but maybe that's nothing to look forward to, especially if you're one of those who believes that it's a hoax—a holiday invented by greeting card companies in order to generate more business. On the less pessimistic side (sorry, I get it from my Mother), it's a shorter month, only 28 days. That's

right, a shorter working month, less time in between paycheques. Hmmm, not so bad after all...

If anyone has news that they would like to share in the Grapevine, please contact me at 303-8690 or email at gschiltz@gedco.com.

Macurda / DIGs

D. Bradford Macurda, Jr., Inc. and Dickson International Geosciences (DIGs) are pleased to announce their office moves to a joint location. D. Bradford Macurda, Jr., Inc. is moving across the hall (same building) while DIGs is moving from Stafford, Texas. The principals of these companies have long considered their business skill sets and professional offerings to be complementary so now expect to provide additional products and services to better serve their global oil and gas exploration industry clientele.

Dr. Macurda offers exploration training courses and geoscience consulting services worldwide. DIGs will continue to expand and update the SAMBA, BRIOS and SEAMAGIC/SEASTAR non-exclusive GIS-based studies and reports based on GETECH (and other) gravity and magnetic data (www.getech.com) with geochemical data and interpretation from Geochemical Solutions International (www.geochemsol.com).

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LunchBox Geophysics

Guess what? IT'S FREE! These are informal lunchtime talks where attendees bring their own lunch. Mark your calendars, the schedule is as follows:

Title: "Prestack Shot Migration: Wave Equation Phase Shift Method"

Speaker: Mark Ng from GeoX
Date: Tuesday, February 21 at Noon
Where: Aquitaine Auditorium, +15 level of 540 – 5th Avenue SW

If you're interested in joining, please register with Larry Adorjan with Kelman Technologies at larrya@kelman.com

All you have to do is register (the cost is free), bring your own lunch and attend!

15th Annual Calgary Mining Forum

The Calgary Mining Forum is Alberta's foremost convention for anyone involved in mineral exploration and mine development in Alberta, across Canada and around the world. Technical talks by industry and government experts will be presented, as well as short courses, posters and a trade show. The trade show and poster sessions are open to the general public.

The Calgary Mining Forum, to be held at the Ramada Inn (708 - 8 Ave. SW), Calgary, Alberta, on April 25-28, 2006, has two essential objectives: (1) to highlight mineral exploration in Alberta, and (2) to provide western Canadian mineral exploration companies an opportunity to put their projects before an interested public.

For anyone interested, please visit the following website for details of program events: www.meg.calgary.ab.ca

Veritas DGC Inc. and Eidesvik

Veritas DGC Inc. and Eidesvik Offshore ASA today announced that Eidesvik and Veritas' Viking Maritime Inc., subsidiary have entered into an agreement to charter a seismic research vessel which is to be newly constructed. The time charter is for a period of 8 years fixed, with options of up to 10 more years. When delivered from West Contractors yard in Ølensvåg, Norway, in February 2007, the vessel will be the seventh seismic vessel in the Veritas fleet, and the fourth to be owned and operated for Veritas by Eidesvik on worldwide seismic operations.

The vessel is 105 meters long with an extended breadth of 24 meters, and will have the capability of towing up to 12 long streamers. The gross tonnage is approximately 11,500 tonnes and the vessel will have accommodation for up to 70 persons. The vessel is owned by Eidesvik Shipping AS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Eidesvik Offshore ASA.

GEDCO

Most people know GEDCO provides advanced, technical courses for 3D Survey Design and Seismic Field QC and Processing, but did you know that GEDCO also provides introductory courses using its software, OMNI and VISTA? Due to very popular demand, GEDCO is currently setting dates in March for short courses on introductory OMNI, 3D Survey Design package and VISTA, 2D/3D Processing Software. This is a great and inexpensive way to get new employees and consultants up to speed on the software. Because GEDCO is booking courses in its own training centre and opening it up to everyone, you save money by cost-sharing. These courses are filling up fast, so book now. For more information, including dates and special pricing and to reserve your spot, contact Karen Nemez at knemez@gedco.com.

Recall Corporation and Kestrel Data

RECALL CORPORATION is pleased to announce their successful acquisition of Kestrel Data (Canada) Limited,

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based in Calgary, Alberta and its division, Capital Archives, based in Edmonton, Alberta. This major announcement gives RECALL a solid footprint to expand its document management and data protection services into Western Canada.

"We are very excited about the opportunities that this acquisition presents," says Russell Skinner, VP of Business Integration for RECALL. "Kestrel has a proven history of success in records and information management in the Alberta market. We are extremely impressed with the quality of their operation, and are looking forward to being able to offer our clients a wider expansion of services in addition to our secure destruction services."

"Our sale to RECALL is a natural progression of our corporate objectives to increase our scope of products and services, and to expand outside of the Calgary market," says Kestrel President Peter McCann. "RECALL not only allows us to offer secure destruction services to our current clients, but gives us the opportunity to service clients on a national basis. We are extremely excited to be joining forces with a global leader in document management, and look forward to leveraging RECALL's expertise and resources to continue our tradition of service excellence."

Recall Corporation is a leading provider of world-class information management solutions, addressing the need for outsourcing the management, storage and retrieval of business information. For additional information on Recall, please visit the website at www.recall.com. Recall is a wholly owned division of Brambles.



The Petroleum Geoscience Vision of...

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G&G reported that the external reviewers said that a strong fundamental undergraduate program is needed to prepare graduates not only for industry but also for graduate studies, especially at other universities and in other related fields, such as oceanography. To encourage the best students to attend the University of Calgary the number of awards for undergraduates in the geosciences should be raised from 43 to 200. The second year is especially tough financially and many students work part-time.

CSEG asked why all this growth is planned and G&G responded that there is a huge demand and all demographic studies of the petroleum industry show a shortage of young people. CSEG agreed that companies find it hard to get Canadian graduate students.

G&G asked CSEG if there were to be two areas of geophysics in which it should specialize, what should they be? This was hard to answer. CSEG likes Gary Margrave's work and said that it would be useful for companies involved in data processing and development of processing algorithms to have students with a mathematical background. Also, it is important for students to understand uncertainty and error analysis.

G&G agreed that strengthening the undergraduate program merits further attention so that UofC BSc geophysics graduates would become the top applicants to the MSc geophysics program.

Any growth in enrolment in G&G must be based on maintaining or enhancing the quality of education.

Overall the CSEG liked the new vision, especially the heightened emphasis on external consultation with industry, alumni and professional organizations. It suggested that G&G offers a risk assessment course and/or incorporating seismic data interpretation into the current hydrocarbon play assessment course. *R*

Junior Geophysicists Forum (formerly Young Geophysicists Forum)

We have a new name! We have changed the name of the Young Geophysicists Forum to the Junior Geophysicists Forum. The purpose of the forum is for students and junior geophysicists to network with established geophysicists within the geophysical community. The next JGF will be held Wednesday, May 10th. This will enable students and juniors to make valuable contacts before the 2006 CSEG/CSPG/CWLS Joint convention. Stay tuned to the CSEG website (www.cseg.ca) and the RECORDER for more details. You can contact the JGF committee at jgf@cseg.ca.

VGS Database International Inc.

VGS Database International is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of Intercontinental Seismic Surveys Ltd. ("ISS"), and has renamed the company to VGS Services, a Division of VGS Database International Inc. VGS Services will continue to offer seismic support and services as previously provided by ISS. Personnel include Mary Condic, Diane Dawson, Bernie Delorme, Carole Joudrey, Wendy Landsiedel, and Hiley Thompson. VGS Services office has been relocated to Suite 1420, 840 - 7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3W2. The phone and fax numbers remain the same at phone (403) 233-8262 fax (403) 233-7290. *R*