

Monday, February 11, 2008

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Social Hour 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Preregistered members; \$35 non-members & walk-ups

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HGS General Dinner Meeting

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Professionalism as It Applies to Petroleum Geoscience: “The Practical Application of Ethics”

Professionalism as it applies to petroleum geoscientists is a key and fundamental aspect of delivering on our promises and conducting ourselves in an ethical manner. Reliability in a geoscientist’s opinions and work product is the cornerstone to building trust and confidence, whether it is a seismic interpretation, prospect map, resources/reserves estimate or expert witness testimony, to name a few. Reliability is increased when managers, companies and investors have the assurance that the information they are evaluating was professionally prepared.

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This talk discusses “Professionalism” in petroleum geoscience and highlights the important factors such as educational background, experience, knowledge of recommended practices, the use of advanced technology and, last but not least, personal values—Ethics. There is, of course, always uncertainty and risk associated with the exploration or development of hydrocarbons. However, the proper use of technology, recommended practices, industry-wide standards and ethical/professional conduct not only can reduce risk

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and uncertainty, but can also provide to companies and investors the confidence needed to move forward with an exploration or development plan or program.

In the end, "Professionalism" encompasses our use of technical practices and standards, while it is our character and moral consciousness that ultimately define who we are and the reputation that follows us through our professional career. ■

Biographical Sketch

As Chairman/CEO, **DANIEL J. TEARPOCK** serves as Chief Executive Officer of Subsurface Consultants & Associates, LLC (SCA), which is an international petroleum consultancy and training firm. Headquartered in Houston, SCA is a client-focused firm that offers specialized solutions in consulting, recruiting and training worldwide.



As a working geoscientist, Mr. Tearpock has generated numerous exploration and exploitation prospects, either as the sole generator or as part of an organized multidisciplinary team. He is the co-author of three textbooks: *Applied Subsurface Geological Mapping* (©1991), *Quick Look Techniques for Prospect Evaluations* (©1994) and *Applied Subsurface Geological Mapping with Structural Methods* (©2003), and numerous technical articles. Mr. Tearpock was a finalist in 1996 and 1998 for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year program and in 1998 received the Distinguished Service Award from Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA. He holds a bachelor's degree in geology from Bloomsburg University (1970) and a master's in geology from Temple University (1977). He is a member of numerous societies and is AAPG/DPA Certified Petroleum Geologist No. 4114, State of Texas Licensed Geologist No. 2660 and SIPES Certified Earth Scientist No. 3015.

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