

Ceramah Teknik (Technical Talk)

KL EXPLORATIONISTS MONTHLY TECHNICAL TALKS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS KL CONVENTION CENTER

Report

One of the best kept secrets, it seems, has been a series of geological talks organized by the KL Explorationists, an offshoot of SEAPEX, and sponsored by several companies in the E&P industry who are based in KL. As organizer Trent Rehill put it, every oil town has meetings like this, where exploration geologists get together to share knowledge and network. KL might not strike one as being an “oil town”, but it is, given the number of E&P and service companies with a presence and the correspondingly large number of personnel based here.

The events take place once a month, usually on a Wednesday and are free of charge. Typically, doors open at 5:30pm with refreshments served and the talks start at 6:30pm. The venue for the last few months was at the KL Convention Center. The talks have all been very well attended to the point where the move to the larger venue was necessary. Unfortunately, only a very small number of GSM members seem to be aware of these most interesting talks, with a correspondingly small number attending. The events are totally informal, one need not stay for the entire evening and there is an area outside where attendees can sit, talk and network while the meeting is in progress. Before the main talk begins a shorter more informal presentation, dubbed “Rock Shots”, takes place. This can be anything of geological interest, usually a half dozen photographs or so from some exotic location or of exotic geology. We’ve had people shown some very unusual reservoir rocks (60% porosity), odd structural features from deepwater offshore, incredible multi-kilometer scale edge-on exposures of a turbidite complex in Namibia (visible on Google Earth) and pictures from the “good old days”.

While most of the speakers are from the oil and gas industry, anyone with an interest in geology, especially for those in depositional environments or in global or regional tectonics, would benefit. The talks are not overly technical and are often illustrated with interesting photos or 3D seismic images. The most recent speaker was Bob Dunbar, CEO of Strategy West (Calgary, Canada) who spoke on the unusual tar sands of Canada, which represents a hydrocarbon resource second only in size to that of Saudi Arabia. Some other recent speakers have been Dr. Peter Rose, the president of AAPG; Dr. Henry Posamentier, AAPG distinguished lecturer, who spoke on the morphology of turbidite complexes and our own Dr. Charles Hutchison, who took us on a “Geological stroll across Northwest Borneo.”

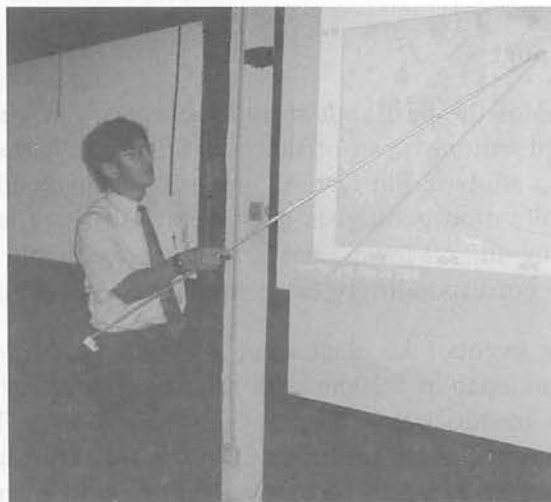
For the past two years or so, the talks have been organized by Trent Rehill, senior exploration geologist with Murphy Oil. Unfortunately, Trent is moving on, having accepted a position exploring for oil in Libya. Chris Howells, Principal Geologist with CS Mutiara Petroleum, will be taking over for the 2006/07 season. The first talk of the new season will take place on September 6th, by AAPG distinguished Lecturer Craig Shipp, the title will be announced later. The organizers would also like to see more involvement by GSM members, not only as attendees, but as presenters. Most of the attendees come from overseas, and while they are mainly interested in oil and gas, they are also geologists who would like to know more about Malaysian geology in general. If you have a half dozen interesting slides it would be a perfect opportunity to present it as “Rock Shots”. GSM helps to spread the word by posting notices of these events on its website. Look under “Technical Talks”. You can also join the KLEX e-mail list through which notices and reminders of the talks are sent by sending an email to organizer Chris Howells at “christopher_gh@csm petroleum.com”.

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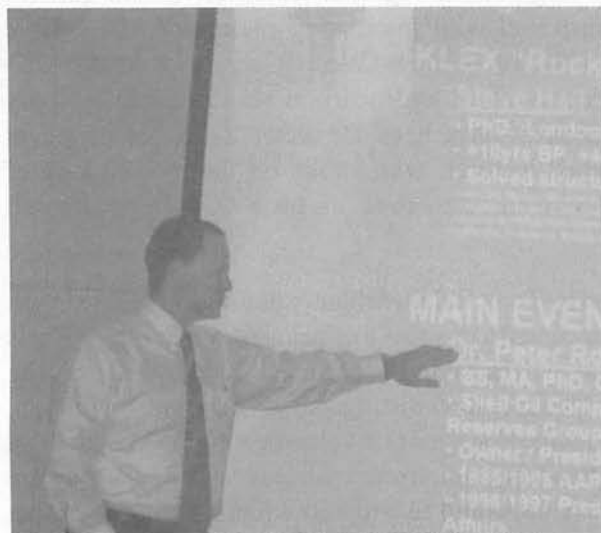
Photos from Technical Talks

THE ASIAN TSUNAMI OF 2004: OBSERVATIONS & NUMERICAL SIMULATION



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Trent Rehill, *KLEX organiser* starts off the evening by introducing the speakers.



From left: **Dr Robert Tate**, **Dr Charles Hutchison** & **Dr. Gan Lay Chin** attending the KLEX talk by **Dr. Peter Rose** (Feb. 22nd, 2006).