

AAPG Discovery Thinking (Already online) <http://www.searchanddiscovery.com/specialcollections/discoverythinking.html>

These are collections of stories told at AAPG Annual meetings from 2008 to 2011. Currently there are 4 years of programs available on AAPG Search and Discovery. Future plans include a panel for an April 2012 in Longbeach California and AAPG Annual meeting all the way through AAPG's 100th Anniversary in 2017. A global Discovery Thinking forum is planned for the first time at AAPG's ICE in Singapore, September 2012. Some examples of past speakers include: Herbert Hunt, Marlan Downey, Bob Gunn, Dudley Hughes, Clayton Williams, Alfredo Guzman (2008); Ray Thomasson, Bob Weimer, Doug Strickland, Bill Barrett and Marv Brittenham (2009); John Amoruso, Mike Forrest, William Zagorski, Gregg Robertson, Dan Smith (2010). Each speaker expresses his view on exploration philosophy and discusses critical insights in how fields or plays were found.

AAPG Geo legends

The AAPG 100th Anniversary Committee (founded, chaired by the speaker 2004-2010) developed the concept that a geoscientist could sit at their desk anywhere in the world, click on a link, and have a virtual (one way) conversation with a geo legend. For example, if a person were working salt domes and needed inspiration from Mike Halbouty, he could access a recorded speech and learn directly from the master. The concept initially was to focus on *100 who made a difference*. Leaders at AAPG initiated local grass root efforts. Paul Weimer and Ed Dolly interviewed about 30 pioneers mainly in the Rockies. Past AAPG president Will Green interviewed about 5 pioneers in the Midland west Texas area. Sternbach and Minisini interviewed about 10 geolegends in Texas and several Europeans during the AAPG Milan convention 2011. Currently AAPG has about 40 interviews which are being edited for content and should appear on AAPG Webpage under 100th Anniversary committee page.

In the December 2011 AAPG Explorer, Paul Weimer described the purpose of the geolegends program is *to identify individuals who made major contributions in applied geology. To date, we have interviewed people who: 1) Changed exploration concepts with their discoveries; 2) Made major scientific contributions, fundamental to exploration and development; and 3) Are individuals with long-term scientific contributions and service to the applied geoscience community.*

Minigeology.com (Already Online). (<http://www.minigeology.com/>)

DISCOVERY THINKING AND GEO LEGENDS IN THE VIDEO/DIGITAL AGE ---IF A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, A VIDEO IS WORTH A MILLION

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Professional societies like AAPG, HGS, and inspired individuals have taken a major step forward documenting our petroleum History and geological heritage in video programs now available on the internet. These are great ways to hear oral histories, learn about famous oil and gas discoveries by speakers who know them well, and to capture inspiring personalities.

HGS Legends Programs. HGS is in the process of updating its webpage. Future plans include video archives of some of the previous Legendary Programs. These will soon be available on the HGS webpage HGS.org. Previous speakers: Gene Van Dyke, Joe Foster, John Seitz, Marlan Downey George Mitchell (2000); Michel T. Halbouty, Marvin Davis, Bill Barrett, Tom Barrow, Robbie Gries (2003); "Geo Legends" Bert Bally, Peter Vail, Pete Rose, Arnold Bouma (2006); Boone Pickens (2008), John Amoruso, Dave Rensink, Dan Smith, Dick Bishop (2010); *Unconventional Wildcatters* Dan Stewart (Barnett Shale), Mike Johnson (Bakken Shale), Gregg Robertson (Eagleford Shale) and Bill Zagorski (Marcellus Shale) (January 2012).

This is a fascinating collection of interviews of notable geologists! An example: Apollo 17 moonwalker Jack Schmitt. A brief article on this webpage and its founder Daniel Minisini (a young professional from Italy, working at Shell) can be found in the Dec 2011 AAPG Explorer:

<http://www.aapg.org/explorer/2011/12dec/minisini1211.cfm>

The Future. Moore's law suggests that relentless exponential growth of electronic and computing power will enable our future to be more connected than ever with higher speeds and bandwidth. This will provide growing opportunity to communicate Petroleum History into the future. We must capture great stories and storytellers now!