

TGS AND GEOPHYSICAL PURSUIT ANNOUNCE FIELD CAMP COMMITMENTS

The SEG Foundation's Summer Field Camp grant program received a tremendous boost in August with the announcement of two new commitments to the *Advancing Geophysics Today, Inspiring Geoscientists for Tomorrow* Campaign. These commitments will raise the annual level of support provided to field camps around the world to over US\$150 000!

TGS is a leading provider of multient seismic surveys and geoscientific data services to the oil and gas industry worldwide. Their commitment of \$500 000, to be delivered in five annual installments, includes funds for field camp grants and funds to strengthen the Foundation's efforts to promote the quality and number of summer field camps available to students. In announcing the commitment, CEO Hank Hamilton said, "TGS is proud to demonstrate its support for geoscience students around the world. Geophysics starts in the field. Survey design and execution are essential in our business. SEG and the SEG Foundation understand this. Through their efforts the number of summer field camps offered to students each year is increasing. We are excited to provide the funding necessary for this pivotal growth."

The SEG Foundation has for many years provided limited financial support to summer geophysical field camps through the established "Projects of Merit" process. The Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE) field camp and the Colorado School of Mines field camp have been the primary recipients of these grants. Since 2006, the field camps grant program has been expanding as the Foundation has taken steps to publicize the program's success through *The Leading Edge* and through the SEG's network of nearly 200 universities with student sections.

Just last year, one of the successful student section initiatives highlighted at the inaugural SEG/Chevron Student Leadership Symposium (SLS), held in conjunction with the 2007 SEG Annual Meeting, was a field camp in Romania jointly organized by the Stanford University and University of Bucharest student sections. This field camp was initiated in 2006 through an SEG Foundation grant. Now in its third year, the camp has expanded to include Free University Berlin. At least one of the new 2008 grants resulted from the sharing of best practices during the 2007 SLS.

In 2008, the Foundation provided modest field camp grants to nine applicants (Table 1). "Our efforts promoting the importance of field experience in a well-rounded geophysical education are successful. These field camps will significantly impact tomorrow's student leaders" said Gary Servos, Chairman of the SEG Foundation Board of Directors. "This leadership investment by TGS will enable the Foundation to increase our level of support to established camps and foster the initiation of new camps around the world."



Figure 1. Gary Servos (right), SEG Foundation board chair, congratulates TGS CEO Hank Hamilton (left) and COO Robert Hobbs (center) on their leadership investment in *Advancing Geophysics Today, Inspiring Geoscientists for Tomorrow*.



Figure 2. SAGE field camp students acquiring transient electromagnetic data for a groundwater application with Scott Urquart, president, Zonge engineering.

Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE)	USA
Colorado School of Mines	USA
University of Witwatersrand "AfricaArray"	South Africa
University of Bucharest/Free University Berlin	Romania/Germany
Istanbul Technical University	Turkey
University of Puerto Rico/University of South Carolina	USA
Ebonyi State University	Nigeria
University of Kansas/University of Leoben	USA/Austria
Boise State University	USA

Table 1. 2008 Field Camp grant recipients.

Another exciting development is the commitment of \$200 000 by Geophysical Pursuit Inc. that initiates SAGE and the SEG Foundation's joint campaign to establish a \$1 million endowment that will provide secure, long term funding to this outstanding field camp (see sidebar). In the words of Jeff Springmeyer, president, "All of us here at Geophysical Pursuit are thrilled to have this opportunity to provide meaningful field experiences to the next generation of industry leaders. We hope others will join with us in securing the future of SAGE." Geophysical Pursuit will be the "Founding Investor" of the SAGE Endowment.

TGS has made the largest single commitment ever to the Summer Field Camp program. Along with Geophysical Pursuit, they join an elite group of donors to this program: the O. Scott Petty Foundation, Richard Degner, and Rutt Bridges.

Advancing Geophysics Today, Inspiring Geoscientists for Tomorrow is a comprehensive fundraising campaign that will strengthen the geophysical community worldwide. Launched in 2007, with a goal of \$15 million, the campaign will close at the SEG Annual Meeting in November 2008. More information is available at www.seg.org/foundation.

—PETER PANGMAN
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SEG FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SAGE ENDOWMENT

The SEG Foundation and the "Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience" (SAGE) have joined forces to establish the SAGE Endowment with a goal of \$ 1,000,000. SAGE introduces geophysics students to geophysical exploration and research and encourages qualified students in related fields to consider careers in geophysics. The program, operated in the Rio Grande rift in New Mexico since 1983, emphasizes both teaching of field methods and research related to a variety of basic and applied problems. Students are predominantly upper division or graduate students from a variety of U.S. and foreign academic institutions.

Funding for SAGE varies from year-to-year depending upon the availability of governmental and corporate funds. This new endowment ensures SAGE will have a solid foundation of support. According to Scott Baldrige, SAGE co-director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, "A successful field experience requires much planning and financial support. Our faculty is excited that the SEG Foundation has taken up our cause and hope that others will be motivated to follow the generous example of Geophysical Pursuit." For more information visit <http://www.sage.lanl.gov>.

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