



Wavelets - Geophysical Mixology: An Evening With GSH, UH Students and Alumni

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The University of Houston's SEG Wavelets jump-started the semester by organizing the inaugural Spring Meet and Greet for UH alumni, students, and Geophysical Society of Houston (GSH) members on 11th February 2014, at The Yard House, City Center. The kick-off event, generously supported by GSH, was considered a fine success.

More than 40 guests attended the event including geoscience industry leaders, GSH board members, alumni, and UH faculty. We were delighted to see Tad Smith (GSH President/Apache), Paul Schatz (GSH President Elect), Tommie Rape (GSH Editor), Dr. Fred Hilterman (Geokinetics/UH), Michael Bahorich (GSH/Apache), Arthur Cheng (Halliburton), Lee Lawyer (GSH/Chevron), and Lisa Buckner (GSH/Hess).

After enjoying delectable light bites prepared by the Yard House, the energetic crowd was greeted by the SEG Wavelets' President, Long Huang, who conducted six raffle drawings. Raffle prizes included gift certificates to Mark's Restaurant, Di Vino, Crave Sushi, and 901 Beauty Salon. The lucky guests included Karilys Castillo (UH student), Eva Kelly (Alumni-PGS), Ayman Aboshihata, and Michael Bahorich (Apache).

Tad Smith encouraged the students and alumni present to become active members of the Society. As the largest section of the SEG, gatherings like this are aligned with GSH's vision to support community outreach, programs for early career development, and student activities.

"We're in a terrific industry, and the relationships you start building now will serve you well throughout your career. I personally had a fabulous time meeting people and learning about projects, career goals, and other professional aspirations. This was an excellent idea, and it should become a tradition we continue at least once a year," said Tad Smith.

It was also an opportunity for the students to practice their leadership skills in assuming responsibility to organize and lead an event outside of campus in a short period of time.

"It was great meeting GSH board members at the event and we are extremely pleased with the outcome of the event. The event could not have happened without GSH support. GSH has been very supportive of UH and this event is a perfect example of this support. On another note, planning and executing an event while being a student is as crucial as excelling in academics because we are exposed to various skills like time management, project management, and being creative at solving problems. I hope to see more students being proactive and passionate about leading student activities because leadership does matter," said Long Huang.

"I think it is very beneficial for students to mix with local professionals to discuss current industry topics of interest for research ideas and to make contacts for potential job interviews. Likewise, for industry professionals, it gives them a chance to meet outstanding students who could be a potential co-worker," mentioned Sharon Cornelius, a current Ph.D. student in Geophysics.

We hope that the gathering will turn into a tradition to provide UH geoscience students a place where they can enjoy their colleagues' company, meet other GSH members, and become involved in local professional societies.

Acknowledgement

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Figure 1: GSH Board members and SEG Wavelets' officers. From the left: Paul Schatz, Lee Lawyer, Yanet Cuddus, Tad Smith, Long Huang, Azie Aziz, Tommie Rape, Yue Due, and Eray Kocel.



Figure 2: Guests were actively engaged in friendly discussions. Dr. Fred Hilterman was spotted talking to former student, Cecilia Ramirez, and her guest, Jason Wright.



Figure 3: Some of the former EAS students who spent their evening included (from left to right) Eva Kelly, Jonathan Parker, Vanessa Lobo, Ayman Aboshihata, Kristian Joseph, Marc Taylor, Tracy Eizabeth McEvouy, and Arkadiusz Turolski.