Summer Newsletter from FORCE 2020

Summer is here.

It's again time to give you a short status on what has happened over the last months. This time, a small virus has turned our world upside-down. Through these challenging times, our members have shown a strong will in keeping the wheels turning, taking digital communication platforms to a new level and continuing to meet, plan events and sharing knowledge.

Well done!

Thank you for all your time and efforts in creating great value for FORCE.

Dear Force members

We soon have summer upon us, and we think we speak for everyone when we say that this has been a very unusual year for FORCE, and probably most parts of the world. Early in 2020, we started off with one seminar and two lunch&learns, followed by two cancelled seminars. But slightly shocked and surprised by our immediate changed situation, where many of us were sent home to work from our living-rooms and kitchens, our members quickly adjusted and decided to keep the FORCE activities going. Very soon, new communication platforms and conference systems were the hottest topics of discussion. Meetings where held and the plan was to not do anything drastic, but to monitor the situation, call-in for digital meetings, and set a list for upcoming events when the situation is normalized. So that is what we did! As this Newsletter is published, we have four two-day seminars on the list, six finished lunch & learns where four of them as webinars, one webinar coming up in June, and one field trip to the Gulf of Corinth planned.

The annual General Assembly meeting was held in January with 27 participants. As usual there were presentations from the two TC's and report from the Secretariat. As a response to the lack of feedback on proposed projects, the Secretariat introduced new guidelines for incoming JIP's. The Cooperation Agreement for the next 3 years has been sent to all the members and changes were addressed. A funding proposal was presented by the Nordic Sedimentological Research Group (NSRG), which is a mutual interest organization for the advancement of sedimentology and stratigraphy. They asked for financial support to their annual meeting.

The last year has been good and a bit challenging with new digital platforms. The new web page seems to be well received and we are happy to see that more and more take the communication platform, Basecamp, into use. We receive many questions regarding access and functionality.

LinkedIn seems to be more popular than expected with more followers than newsletter subscribers! You can follow us here: https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/joiningforce/

The Secretariat, Eva, Linn, Janka, Eli and Tone.

Greetings from the Carbonate and Chalk Reservoirs network

Dear friends and colleagues

We have just put a very unusual spring behind us. We all have been thrown out of our regular routines. Forced to find new ways to organize our day. Many, perhaps most of us, have been working from home. Maybe some will continue with to do so. Either because we are encouraged to stay at home. Or because we find it to be an effective and useful way to be productive.

On my part, I see that working from home have had benefits. The best part has been the opportunity to block out time to really focus in solitude. Now, the flip side of solitude is the mingling and coffees, the discussions, meetings and lunches that builds connections.

This is where FORCE comes to shine. Even if this has been a quiet period when it comes to events, (we in the Carbonate and Chalk network have hosted only one single event*), this period has clearly made us value the arena. Arenas like FORCE that enables us to connect across organizations for increased learning and understanding.

We are here when you get back from summer break. Please feel free to approach us with ideas for events and projects and we'll make it happen.

Have a nice Summer!

Edvard Omdal and Niels Rameil.

Summer greetings from the Petroleum Systems network

2020 has been surprising and challenging for all of us, to put it mildly. The year kicked off with the Petroleum Systems Network first seminar, entitled "Petroleum Charge and Migration: Understanding a major risk on the Norwegian continental shelf", which turned out to be a huge success. We had over 100 registrations and a total of 17 presentations over one and half days. Feedback from presenters and participants was great too, it looks like everybody enjoyed the seminar and are looking forward to the next.

Following the Seminar in January, and with the good experience of the Lunch and Learns we had in 2019 (Jan Inge Faleide from UiO (2018 actually), Andrew Murray from Murray Partners PPSA and Steve Larter from the University of Calgary), the Network Group was pushing forward with the organization of new L&Ls and a second seminar when the Covid-19 pandemic hit Norway and the lockdown was set in place. A planned Lunch and Learn with Prof. Rainer Meckenstock from University Essen on novel insights in petroleum biodegradation has been postponed to later this year in the hope of the travel restrictions being lifted. However, we are still on track with a seminar on Reservoir Geochemistry hopefully towards the second half of this year, as well as an online Lunch and Learn in the near future.

The feedback the Petroleum Systems network has had on the L&Ls as well as the single Seminar to date has strengthened our feeling that the topic is very well received, and motivates us strongly to continue with an interesting and varied agenda. We even have started considering organizing a field trip, but that will definitely have to wait until the pandemic is over!

We hope to see you all at the future seminars and L&Ls, but most importantly: Stay safe!

Best regards,
Rolando di Primio – Lundin Energy and Chairman of the Petroleum Systems Network Group.

Previous and upcomping events in 2020

Seminars

23.01	Petroleum charge and migration - understanding a major exploration risk on the Norwegian Continental Shelf (86)
June-Sept.	The FORCE 2020 Machine Learning Contest with Wells and Seismic. FORCE with help from AGILE will arrange a globally open machine learning contest
28.-29.10	Basement highs: formation, evolution and reservoir characterisation
10.-11.11	Mind the gap - a workshop dedicated to the understanding of unconformities
17.-18.11	Joining forces – industry prespectives
02.-03.12	Ichnology of Petroleum Systems

Lunch and learn seminars

17.01	Organizational decision quality: value creation by high quality decisions (46)
05.03	Open hole stability in chalk- a case study on the Radial Jet Drilling technology (13)
13.05	Webinar: The application of machine learning technology to elastic log prediction & earth model generation (89)
19.05	Webinar: Oil and Gas outlook with Covid-19 and Energy transition – Macro to NCS perspectives by Rystad Energy (129)
27.05	Webinar: Svalbox- An interactive digital Svalbard geological-geophysical portal (44)
28.05	Webinar: Understanding Anisotrophy (111)
18.06	Webinar: Practical 4D seismic interpretation

Field trip

19.-23.10	Gulf of Corinth, Greece

Go here to sign up for upcoming events: https://www.npd.no/en/force/events/

The FORCE Secretariat wishes you a great summer holiday!

May the FORCE be with you – May you be with FORCE