

Report on Indian Association of Sedimentologists Meeting 2014

30th Convention of Indian association of Sedimentologists were held in Imphal, Manipur during November 28 to November 30. The central theme of the meeting was "Sedimentation and Tectonics with Special reference to Energy resources of North-east India". The meeting was organized by the Department of earth Sciences, Manipur University. This was the first meeting of the Indian Association of Sedimentologists in the north eastern part of India. The meeting was jointly sponsored by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Oil and natural gas Corporation Limited, Society for Sedimentary geology and Council of Scientific and industrial research, India. Two days of conference was followed by one day field excursions. The participant of the conference include faculties and students from various universities of India, as well as professionals from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Geological Survey of India, Atomic Minerals Division etc. The conference was also attended by a few delegates from Bangladesh, Italy and Britain. Speaking on the inaugural ceremony of the conference, President of the Indian Association of Sedimentologists, Prof. G.N. Nayek emphasized improving the quality of abstracts and presentations. The organizers of the conference received more than 140 abstracts and more than 100 abstracts were presented within the first two days of the conference in six sessions, as follows.

- a) Geomorphology and Sedimentary Processes
- b) Energy Resources
- c) Sedimentary Geochemistry and Applied Sedimentology
- d) Tectonics and basin Analysis
- e) Palaeontology and Stratigraphy
- f) Geoenvironment and Palaeoclimate

At the end of day 1 of the conference a spectacular cultural program was organized. The traditional Manipuri dances and martial arts were the key elements of the cultural program. A major attraction of the meeting was presentations for the young sedimentologists award, which received good attention. One of the key features of the meeting was the SEPM stall in which various publications, both soft and hard copies were displayed by SEPM ambassador from India. Many of the participants were interested to see the publications. Around 15 participants became member of SEPM on the spot by paying the required fees and many showed interest to become members.

The next meeting of Indian association of Sedimentologists has been planned in Pune, which is close to Mumbai.



Enthusiasms of students at the SEPM booth



SEPM ambassador with the student participants and volunteers



Prospective SEPM student members at the SEPM booth



Section of the audience including Prof. G. M. Bhat (Vice president, IAS), an Italian delegate, Brnida Thusu (Foreign Secretary, IAS) and prof. G.N. Nayek (president, IAS) in the first row



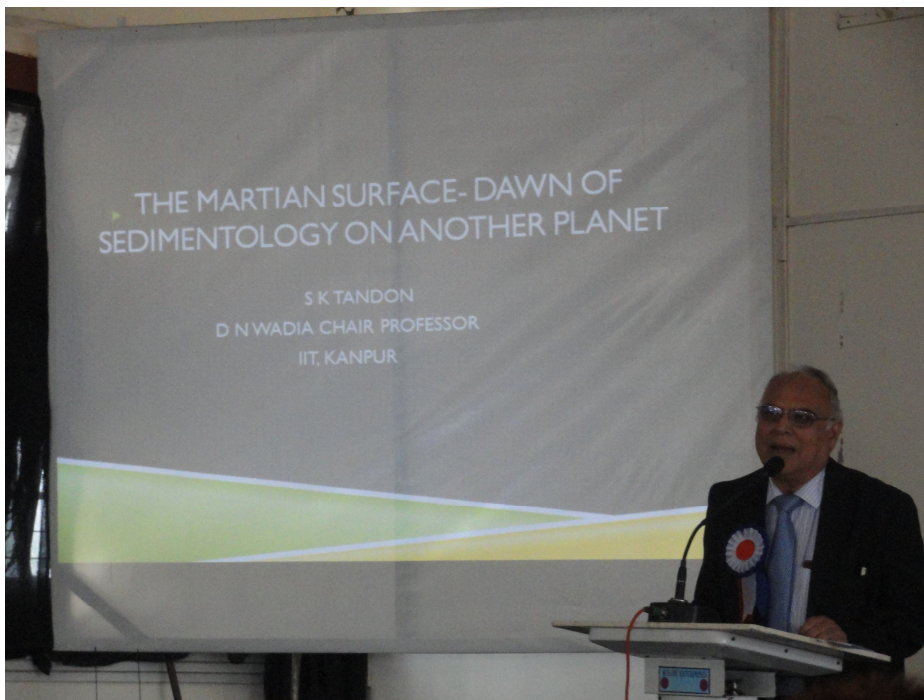
Section of the audience during an invited talk



Manipuri dance during the cultural program at night



A view of the Cultural program



Past president of Indian Association of Sedimentologists, Prof. S.K. Tandon during his talk in the Plenary session