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Greetings from the EMD President to all AAPG Members around the World,

There is good news from the [EMD](#). After only 5 months of eliminating the EMD dues, EMD membership has risen almost 100%. This means that AAPG members have increasing professional value for the EMD energy commodity offerings that does not rest solely on monetary value. As most geologists, you as energy geologists, are hungry for technical information.

The job of the EMD officers and the associated chairs of the 11 EMD commodity committees, guided by the EMD regional councilors, is to provide high-value, up-to-date technical information and news about the various forms of available energy and their geological and economic feasibility. EMD invites AAPG members to participate from anywhere in the world in our commodity committee activities by indicating your interests in any one or more of these committees as well as in any of the AAPG Standing Committees.

EMD, DEG and DPA provide you with the 3rd dimension of AAPG. New programs developing between EMD and AAPG's Division of Environmental Geosciences (DEG) will help you deal these days with the old as well as the new environmental issues confronting energy geologists and associated geoscientists (hydrogeologists, geophysicists, geochemists, etc). The AAPG's Division of Professional Affairs (DPA) and EMD also are developing or expanding their cooperation to bring AAPG members even more programs of direct benefit to the AAPG membership.

It is an exciting time in AAPG and the EMD as technical and related energy geoscience information expands on the Internet via the EMD and AAPG websites and as new AAPG training opportunities in the form of technical and conferences expand into all corners of the world.

I encourage you to evaluate further how [EMD can help you](#) in your professional activities; to stay abreast and relevant in your particular field of energy exploration and development, especially in the areas of unconventional energy resources (such as: coalbed methane, gas hydrates, gas shales, tight gas sands, oil sands, and oil shale) as well as the so-called alternative energy resources (such as: coal, uranium (nuclear minerals), geothermal energy, and of course, the energy available in the environment, those renewable energy resources, such as wind, solar, biomass, hydro-electric and other sources of energy. EMD is monitoring the potential impact of these latter resources and their likely economic significance in the foreseeable future, without government price support.

Come join us. And, let those non-AAPG members know about the 3rd dimension of AAPG as well.

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