

Dear FORCE members

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for a great FORCE-year, a year that included numerous good workshops and several exiting projects!

The year 2013 had a flying start, as the first workshop in January, "Norway – East Greenland conjugate margins", had 150 participants attending! A successful event that was followed by a string of seminars; "Barents sea shelf - structural geology", "Joining force", "From seismic fantasy to geological fact", as well as a field trip in Gironde estuary and Aguitane coast. The fall season also featured two IOGR seminars: "EOR improved competence" - which included a visit to the EOR ship "Siri Knutsen" - and finally the seminar "Late life – max recovery".

December is a busy month as well; both "Biostratigraphic solutions for the Norwegian continental margin" and "Injection safety" was conducted during the first week, and was followed by a two-day seminar in week 50, "Advances in sedimentology and sequence stratigraphy with applications to the Norwegian shelf" – another big event, with over 130 attendees!

We are delighted to see that the workshops are so popular. In fact, here is what two of our colleagues, Kristina Louise Hansen and Rune Mattingsdal, both geologists at the NPD and experienced Force-seminar attendees, have to say: "Excellent timeliness in regards to program, and good quality lectures and speakers. And also, the seminars are a great arena for networking and for meeting industry colleagues".

The general feedback from the participants is that the seminars and workshops serves as an important meeting ground, very unique in that it gathers representatives from both large and small, new and experienced companies, enabling them to interact and to share ideas and experiences.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the 2014 workshops!

2013 was also a busy year in regards to projects. Continued attention is paid to the ongoing projects, "Ring", "Safari phase I and II" and "Sub-basalt", as well as to the two new projects initiated in 2013 within Improved Exploration; "LoCra" and "Late Triassic Barents sea".

A project was also initiated in Improved Oil and Gas Recovery: "Predicting EOR potential – from Lab to field". This project is scheduled to run for two years.

A more comprehensive description of suggested projects, such as" Carboniferous – Barents sea", "OAE - Bass River Core", "Safari III", "GPlates", "SEAM-NCS" and "Inversion Feasibility" can soon be found on the website.

Best wishes for the holidays and the next year! May the FORCE be with you - May you be with FORCE



Some pictures from 2013











JIP ongoing in 2013:

- Ring
- Safari phase 2
- Sub-basalt
- Predicting EOR potential from lab to field
- LoCra
- Late triassic Barents sea
- (Gplates project)

Seminars in 2013:

- Advances in sedimentology and sequence strategy with applications to the Norwegian shelf
- Biostratigraphic solutions for the Norwegian continental margin
- **Injection Safety**
- Expanded opportunities with gravity and subsidence monitoring
- Late Life Max Recovery
- EOR competence building workshop
- From seismic fantasy to geological fact
- Barents sea shelf structual geology seminar
- Safari workshop
- Joining forces seminar
- Norway East Greenland conjugate margins
- Field trip in Gironde estuary and Aquitane coast

Seminars in 2014:

- Geophysical lunchtime meetings continue
- Field trip Gironde
- Importance of diagenesis in exploration and production

Please suggest seminars for the next year!