

Hello again Bay Area geophysicists. First I want to remind you all that next Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, the SEG's Spring Distinguished Lecturer, Jean Virieux, will be visiting Northern California to present 'Hierarchical seismic imaging: a multiscale approach'. At 11am on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, BAGS will be co-hosting the talk with the Cal SEG Student Society at 159 Mulford Hall on the University of California Berkeley campus. On Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> we will again be co-hosting Jean with the Stanford SEG Student Society at 12:15pm in room 350/372 of the Mitchell Building. The flier with a talk description and Jean's bio is attached, or you can find the info on the Calendar of the Bags Website (<http://bayareageophysicalsociety.org/index.php/events/>). There you can also find info on two 'local' symposia coming up; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Great Basin and Western Cordillera Mining Geophysics Symposium at the Nugget in Reno, Nevada on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and an Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference focused on Fluid Flow and Geophysical Monitoring to be held at Stanford University June 16 through 19.

Next, a gentle reminder about BAGS dues. If you have been meaning to become a BAGS member but haven't taken the time to sit down and register, now is a perfect chance to do so. On the other hand, if last year you did register and pay yearly dues, but you did so prior to September 1, 2014, it is now time to renew your yearly membership. And if you would like to donate to BAGS or become a corporate sponsor, you can do so via the PayPal link on our Sponsors web page (<http://bayareageophysicalsociety.org/index.php/about/sponsors/>). Again, it is through people joining BAGS and participating that we can build and maintain a vibrant geophysical community in the Bay Area.

Last I want to pass on information that BAGS member and CalTrans Geophysicist Bill Owen has asked us to send out to our local geophysical community. The following message is from an email received by BAGS from Bill on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*'On March 18, the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists formally recommended eliminating the Professional Geophysicist license in California. The recommendation was made during the Joint Oversight Hearing before the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee. The background paper and video of the testimony may be viewed under the March 20 entry of the NEW AND IMPORTANT UPDATES section of the Board's website at <http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/>.*

*This recommendation will be discussed at the next Board meeting, to be held on April 15 and 16 in Sacramento. Information on the meeting agenda and location are provided at ... [http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/about\\_us/meetings/agendas/20150415\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/agendas/20150415_agenda.pdf)*

Bill has suggested that the elimination of professional licensing may be an important topic of discussion for the BAGS membership, and if you feel the same, please let us know.

And with that, I hope to see you at one of the upcoming talks.

Best Regards,

David