

Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee hosts Kurt Strack

Dr. Kurt Strack, Chair of the SEG Research Committee, SEAM Board member, and Global Affairs Committee member, visited Roorkee, India in late 2007. One of the objectives was to teach a series of lectures in Borehole Geophysics.

IIT Roorkee has a strong Earth science department (and a strong SEG student section), with master's programs both in geology and geophysics. With 22 faculty members, the university promotes research in the key areas of structural geology; geochronology; paleontology and remote sensing; seismology; electromagnetics (DC resistivity, magnetotellurics, and CSEM); reservoir geophysics; numerical modeling; and data inversion. The geophysics program is one of the largest in India with about 20 students admitted every year. Most of these students find employment with international companies. The research activity in geophysics is primarily in data acquisition, modeling, and inversion for studying different



Members of IIT Roorkee's SEG student section eagerly attended Dr. Kurt Strack's (center) lectures on borehole geophysics. Faculty sponsor is Prof. Pravin K. Gupta (third from left).

geophysical processes. Current research is sometimes hampered due to the paucity of students, as many are offered jobs by oil and service companies long before they finish their degrees!

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