

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is my last column as President of SPWLA. It has been a challenging and rewarding year during which we have set the basis for a much larger and more robust society. My major undertaking has been, as you are well aware, to galvanize our chapters worldwide with the signing of

our charter agreement. I am happy to say that in the past two months we have signed said agreements with two very important chapters: Houston, with its three subchapters, and Calgary, previously the Canadian Well Logging Society (CWLS). With the addition of these two chapters we are closer to having one worldwide petrophysical society, with all the recognition and benefits to our members that this entails. Over 75% of our chapters worldwide have agreed to this path, and have signed the charter agreement. I believe that we will have more good news by the time we all meet in Oklahoma City, during our Annual Symposium, June 17–21, 2017, so stay tuned!

Our chapters have been very active with meetings and conferences, from Saudi Arabia, with a “Tight-Gas Topical Conference,” to Colombia, with “Value of Information,” to Dubai, with “Core Calibration of Log-Derived Petrophysical Models for Characterization of Source Rock,” to name a few. Our webinars continue to be a success, with evergrowing attendance in a variety of topics.

As mentioned in my previous column, more and more chapters are taking advantage of IT support offered by SPWLA Houston office in the form of webpage hosting/ updating, chapter event registration, and webinar setup. This ongoing joint effort helps alleviate some of the IT burden from chapters and SIG officers to help them better serve the members.

More than 25 candidates selected through internal student competitions held in China, Japan, Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas are planning to attend our International Student Paper contest that will be held during the Annual Symposium in Oklahoma City.

I am proud to say that our membership levels have not declined, in spite of the industry downturn. We are eager to make your membership worth every cent. To that effect I encourage suggestions on how we can increase the value of your membership. My email is [President@spwla.org](mailto:President@spwla.org) and is open to all who wish to address any of our society issues.

Once again, please plan to attend the Oklahoma City Symposium, June 17–21, 2017.

Luis Quintero  
2016–2017 SPWLA President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 17-21, 2017**  
SPWLA 58<sup>TH</sup> Annual Logging Symposium  
Oklahoma City, USA  
[www.spwla2017.com](http://www.spwla2017.com)

**August 28, 2017 - September 1, 2017**  
The 31<sup>ST</sup> International Symposium of  
the Society of Core Analysts  
Vienna, Austria  
<http://www.scaweb.org/sca-annual-symposium/>