

The Tenth International Workshop on Seismic Anisotropy

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When the First International Workshops on Seismic Anisotropy (1 IWSA) was held in Suzdal in the former USSR twenty years ago, research of anisotropy was still considered an academic playground – an interesting topic without too many possible fields of application. This situation has changed considerably during the past two decades. The technical concepts and ideas of the beginning have been transferred to successful case studies long ago. Anisotropy has become a major concern in the exploration industry. The vision has found its way to the EAGE and SEG conferences and anisotropy is now everywhere: in model building, imaging, rock physics, converted waves, and so on. In contrast to this evolution, the IWSAs have always led their own, independent life without being associated with a formal organisation or institution. The IWSAs are organised by groups volunteering from the global community of anisotropists; since 3 IWSA the workshop locations have alternated between Europe and North America (an anisotropists meeting in Australia is still pending). The Tenth International Workshop on Seismic Anisotropy, 10 IWSA, took place from April, 14th to 18th 2002 in Tutzing, near Munich, in Germany.

Seventy-two anisotropists from sixteen different countries followed the invitation of the German and Czech organisers (Dirk Gajewski, Claudia Vanelle, Klaus Helbig, Ivan Pšenčík, and Heiner Igel). The workshop venue, the Evangelical Academy in Tutzing, was particularly suited for the closed shop form of the meeting that led to vibrant discussions also outside the lecture room, and established new – as well as revived old – contacts. The meeting began with an opening address by Walt Lynn, the president of the SEG, who spoke about the “Technology Race” and wished the “anisotroopers” a fruitful workshop. Nearly seventy papers were presented in the oral and poster sessions in succession. Papers on theoretical and technical aspects were given as well as work on rock physics, modelling and inversion, case studies, and seismology. The complete program of the workshop – including all abstracts and many of the presentations – is available from the homepage of the 10 IWSA at www.10iwsa.dkrz.de.

Although 10 IWSA was concluded in April, the quest continues. Twenty-eight manuscripts have been submitted for the workshop proceedings that are currently under review. The proceedings will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Geophysics*, intended to appear in print in the beginning of the year 2003. The next workshop, 11 IWSA, will most likely be held in Newfoundland in 2004.

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Figure 1: Happy anisotropists from 16 countries enjoying isotropic point source radiation on a sunny day at the Evangelical Academy in Tutzing.