

2009 ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences Chair, Dr. Venkat Lakshmi, and Prof. Jim Knapp, hosted a reception for the alumni of the department in Houston, Texas at the Sheraton Brook Hollow hotel on October, 8 2009. The reception was attended by around 30 alumni and their spouses. Most of the alumni living in Houston work in the energy exploration industry. Of the 900 plus alumni of the department, around 140 live in the Houston area making it the largest concentration of alumni in any geographical location in the United States. The alumni had fond memories of the department, and some of them remembered the legendary “parties” hosted by fellow students in the 70’s and the 80’s. They exchanged stories with each other and caught up on each other’s careers and families. The alumni were well distributed with respect to their graduating class; we had Rob Lease from the class of 1964, the most recent graduate was Jason Bryant, PhD 2008, the rest graduated between 1964 and 2007. There were drawings for door prizes of USC caps, polo and t-shirts which was received with great excitement! We hope to make this reception an annual affair.

2009 Alumni Reception

Houston, Texas
October 8th, 2009



L-R Jim Knapp, Jason Bryant (Ph.D. '08) and
Tiffany Bryant



L-R Bruce Baganz (Ph.D. '79), and Don Van
Nieuwenhuse (Ph.D., '79)



L-R Venkat Lakshmi and Jennifer Russell



L-R Giovanna De Cossio Van Nieuwenhuse,
Bob Van Nieuwenhuse (M.S. '80), Dana
Mihaela Enciu (Ph.D., '07)



L-R George Smith (M.S. '79), Gabriella De Cossio
Smith and Ken Bramlett (M.S. '80)



L-R Venkat Lakshmi, Jason Bryant (Ph.D. '08)



L-R Don Van Nieuwenhuse (Ph.D. '79) , Venkat Lakshmi



L-R Venkat Lakshmi and Jim Whitworth (B.S. '80)



L-R Venkat Lakshmi and Michael Vogel (M.S. '80)



L-R Rob Lease (B.S. '64), _____, Teunis Heyn (M.S. '84)



Dana Mihaela Enciu (Ph.D., '07)



L-R Ken Bramlett (M.S. '80), Mark Richardson (M.S. '82) Emery Goodman (M.S. '80)



L-R Bruce Baganz (Ph.D. '79), Cindy Yeilding, Don Van Nieuwenhuse (Ph.D., '79)



L-R Marc Russell (M.S.'79), Jessica Rivera, Jennifer Russell