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Dear Dr. Datta-Gupta:

I am pleased to advise you that "*A Comparison of Travel-Time and Amplitude Matching for Field-Scale Production-Data Integration: Sensitivity, Nonlinearity, and Practical Implications*" has been selected as the best peer-approved technical paper of the Society of Petroleum Engineers during 2005. Named for the California engineer who died at age 31, the Cedric K. Ferguson award recognizes significant contributions to the permanent technical literature of the profession by a member under age 33. Rules for the Cedric K. Ferguson Medal provide that the recipient be under the age of 33 at the time the paper is approved. Co-authors of the award winning paper who are over the age of 33 at the time of approval receive the Cedric K. Ferguson Certificate. Dr. Hao Cheng will receive the Cedric K. Ferguson Medal. You and Dr. Zhong He will receive the Cedric K. Ferguson Certificate. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

As SPE President, it will be my privilege to present the Cedric K. Ferguson Certificate to you during the SPE Annual Awards Banquet on Monday, 25 September 2006. The Banquet is a featured event during the Society's 2006 Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas USA.

Separately, you will receive VIP registration and housing accommodation forms for the San Antonio meeting. Please use the special VIP forms for registration and accommodations. As recipient of one of the Society's major awards, your registration and two tickets (you and a guest) for the Annual Awards Banquet are complimentary. You will soon be contacted by someone on the SPE staff to discuss logistics and other details for this event. In the meantime, if you need any additional information please contact Tom Whipple, SPE Professional Development Manager at 972-952-9452 or twhipple@spe.org.

Again, on behalf of the Society's membership, congratulations on being named 2006 recipient of the Cedric K. Ferguson Certificate.

Sincerely,

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