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AAPG Student Chapter

Universidade Federal Fluminense

Dear Students:

The AAPG Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) Region Latin America & Caribbean Region Coordinators are pleased to invite your university to participate the Latin America & Caribbean Region Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) Competition for 2016-2017.

The IBA is an international competition organized by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), in which a group of five students analyzes geological, seismic and petrophysical data provided by the AAPG and corporate sponsors. Students spend eight weeks developing exploration prospects and present them to a panel of industry experts. The winner of the regional competition will have the opportunity to represent Latin America & the Caribbean in the global competition, held prior to the 2017 AAPG Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in Houston, Texas, USA, on 31 March and 1 April 2017.

Last year featured participation from 19 universities from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela. The first round was held virtually, via WebEx, and top four teams advanced to the in-person round held in Bogotá, Colombia. Students from Central University of Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela) won the region competition and did an excellent job representing our region in Calgary during the 2016 AAPG IBA Finals.

This year we hope to have more universities participate so more students can take advantage of this fantastic professional and personal development opportunity. Attached to this message you will find information about the competition as well as instructions for registering.

**Registration for the 2016-2017 competition opened Tuesday, 6 September and runs through Saturday, 23 September**. If your university would like to participate, please complete the online form at the following website: <http://iba.aapg.org/interested>. Additionally, please send an email to iba.aapg.lacr@gmail.com to confirm your enrollment.

You can find additional information about the event at <http://www.aapg.org/iba> and in the attached documents:

- Letters of invitation

- Competition Rules and Operating Procedures (R&OP).

- IBA R&OP Summary

- Presentation on the steps required to follow for online registration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact at this email or at one of the following phone numbers, +57.310.255.5991 (Mayra Vargas) or +55.51.9334.4593 (Daiane Cardoso)

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

***Mayra Liseth Vargas, Daiane Cardoso and Emily Llinás.***

***Latin America & Caribbean Region IBA Coordinators, 2016-2017***

**IMPORTANT DATES**

2016-2017 IBA Competition Registration deadline: 23 September 2106

Dataset Release:     1 October 2016

Virtual Round with all teams (via WebEx):       1 December 2016

Region Finals (location TBD):                         16 January 2017 (Tentative)

Global Finals (AAPG ACE) Houston, TX:       31 March –1 April 2017