

## Yangtze University welcomes Kurt Strack

Kurt Strack, incoming chair of the SEG Research Committee and member of the Global Affairs Committee, visited Yangtze University in Jingzhou, China in May 2006. One objective was a series of lectures on electromagnetics titled *Introduction to Electrical Geophysics*, *Advanced Resistivity Logging*, and *Marine Electromagnetics*. Another objective was, as a member of the consulting committee of Key Laboratory of Exploration Technologies for Oil and Gas Resources of Ministry of Education, to review and advise regularly the research orientation, and to help the university develop ties in the west leading to international research projects.

Yangtze University has one of the larger geophysics departments in China. The lecture hall overflowed with more than 100 graduate students attending Strack's lectures. The new Yangtze University, now three years old, is a merger of a medical, agriculture, and petroleum university (Jingnan Petroleum Institute) and has more than 50 000 students. The Key Laboratory of Exploration Technologies for Oil and Gas Resources was established in 2003 based on the three CNPC



SEG Student Section of Yangtze University with Kurt Strack.

Key Laboratories in Yangtze University: well logging, geochemistry, and geophysics.

Yangtze University has about 200–250 undergraduate students in geophysics every year and about 50 graduate students. There is an SEG Student Section. In the past lectures were translated to Chinese, but today most can follow a lecture in English. A new PC cluster computer was recently added to the seismic data processing capabilities, the area in which most students find employment. **TLE**