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This issue of *Preview* includes the ASEG-PESA 2015 conference handbook. It will be available online, posted to all ASEG Members and made available to all conference registrants. If you are attending the conference and not a regular *Preview* reader then I hope that the sample of regular *Preview* content that forms the preface to the conference handbook will tempt you to come back for more.

Preview is published bimonthly and is freely available online. It is a forum for the exchange of ideas and information between exploration geophysicists practising in the Asia-Pacific region. The magazine contains news, commentary, book reviews, and feature articles on diverse topics. In the last couple of years these topics have ranged from the history of lodestone, the development of SIROTEM, the application of AEM to potash exploration, and the measurement of gravity with ultra-cold atomic test masses!

This 'cut-down' version of Preview features ASEG News, some of our regular commentators and, most particularly, updates on geophysical activities in all of the Australian government (State and Territory) geological surveys. In Australia government surveys compile geophysical data generated by exploration companies, as well as acquiring, processing and interpreting new data. These data are a fabulous resource for companies exploring in Australia and Australian waters and Preview is a ready source of information about what Australian government geological surveys are up to.

Plans for *Preview* in 2015 include practical reviews of exploration techniques. The first cab off the rank will be a review of spectral mapping. The release of the Australian National ASTER Geoscience Maps has led to enormous interest in spectral mapping, but there are plenty of traps for young, and not so young, players in the processing and interpretation of spectral data – as *Preview* readers will discover.

The December issue of *Preview* will, once again, focus on geophysical education. All students who complete research projects in geophysics at an Australian University in 2015 will be invited to submit their title, abstract and short bio for publication. A survey of these student abstracts is an excellent guide to what is hot, and what is not, in geophysics in Australia. The December issue will also contain up-to-date information about availability of grants and scholarships.

The ASEG Publications team will be well represented at the ASEG-PESA 2015 conference. As well as looking for fresh copy, we will be looking for feedback on both *Preview* and *Exploration Geophysics*. Please seek us out at the ASEG booth!

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