

## About the Author

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Alistair Ross Brown was born and raised in Carlisle in the northernmost part of England. The first and middle names demonstrate Scots ancestry. He graduated in Physics from Oxford University in 1963, having attended The Queen's College. Later the necessary geology component was obtained at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. He married Mary, another Oxford graduate, in 1963 and they have three children. Now there are also five grandchildren.

Alistair's professional career in geophysics began in Australia where for seven years he was employed by the Bureau of Mineral Resources, and there gained experience in seismic data collection, processing, and interpretation. The Brown family returned to England in 1972 where Alistair worked for Geophysical Service International (GSI). He soon specialized in experimental seismic interpretation and was asked to interpret the first commercial 3-D seismic survey in 1975. Early experimental 3-D interpretation and display soon brought him to Dallas, the worldwide headquarters of GSI, and the family relocated there in 1978.

As 3-D surveys became more and more numerous during the 1980s, Alistair continued to investigate the best ways to interpret them. Interactive workstations emerged in the early part of the decade and he started using an early version in late 1980. After presenting several papers on aspects of 3-D interpretation in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Alistair started teaching the subject to oil company personnel. This led to his independence in 1987.

He is now a Consulting Reservoir Geophysicist specializing in the interpretation of 3-D seismic data, the effective use of interactive workstations, and the understanding of seismic amplitude. His courses and consultation are acclaimed worldwide and his time is dedicated to helping interpreters get more out of their 3-D seismic data.

Alistair is an active member of SEG, AAPG and EAGE. He received SEG's Best Presentation Award in 1975; he was recognized by Texas Instruments as a Senior Member of Technical Staff in 1981; he has been a continuing education instructor for SEG and AAPG; he was an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer in 1988, an SEG Distinguished Lecturer in 1991, the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Distinguished Lecturer in 1994, and the first joint AAPG/SEG Distinguished Lecturer in 1999/2000. Also he was Chairman of *THE LEADING EDGE* Editorial Board during 1986-88, and, in 1998, he received SEG's Special Commendation Award. Alistair is an Honorary Member of the Geophysical Society of Houston and of the Dallas Geophysical Society. In October 2006 he was awarded Honorary Membership in the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and in June 2009 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

