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GRC/CGEC Workshop Exceeds Expectations

International community comes together for geochemistry workshop at the University of California, Davis. GRC promises more workshops in future.

(Davis, Calif.) On Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20, the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC) and the California Geothermal Energy Collaborative (CGEC) cosponsored a workshop titled, *Recent Advances in Geothermal Geochemistry*.

The event was a great success. Bill Glassley, CGEC Director, commented, "I was particularly pleased to see so many young professionals, graduate students, and women present. I believe we are seeing a revitalization of our community. The many new faces, the intense networking that was evident, and the multi-national presence all suggest geothermal interest is growing. I'd like to thank everyone at the GRC and CGEC for working so hard to make the events successful."

Steve Ponder, GRC Interim Executive Director, noted the number of people attending the geochemistry workshop. "We had 85 people sign up," he said, "and 84 attended, plus one walk-in. To accommodate the turnout, we needed a small auditorium instead of a classroom. People came from the USA, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Mexico, the Philippines, and Taiwan, and I'm very pleased by the strong industry participation. The workshop presentations were outstanding. Education is the primary business of the GRC and Joe Moore is chair of our Education Committee."

Joe Moore spoke enthusiastically about the workshop's success. "The GRC will post notices for more geothermal workshops by mid-2013," he said. "We hope to focus on a variety of topics at the introductory and advanced levels. Possible subjects include reservoir engineering, well field development, and geophysics."

"Educational efforts like the geochemistry workshop are really important," said Hildigunnur Thorsteinsson, Hydrothermal Team Lead for the U.S. Department of Energy. "They make people aware of new developments and tools. The personal connections you make here are important, as well," she added.

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About the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC):

With the experience and dedication of its diverse, international membership bolstering a more than 40-year track record, the Geothermal Resources Council has built a solid reputation as the world's preeminent geothermal association. The GRC serves as a focal point for continuing professional development for its members through its outreach, information transfer and education services.

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About the California Geothermal Energy Collaborative (CGEC):

Formed in 2004 as part of the UC Davis Energy Institute, the mission of CGEC is to help expand the sustainable use of geothermal resources to meet California's energy needs through outreach and education and by supporting industry and research. The CGEC coordinates activities with the geothermal industry, local, state and federal agencies, and other entities to promote statewide geothermal activities. For more information, visit the CGEC website [http://cgec.geology.ucdavis.edu].

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