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**Geothermal Awards Announced as GRC Annual Meeting Opens in Reno**  
*Best and Brightest of the Global Geothermal Community Honored at the 36<sup>th</sup> GRC Annual Meeting in Reno*

(Davis, Calif.) - The Geothermal Resources Council (GRC), the world's premier geothermal association, has announced awards honoring the best and brightest of the global geothermal community. These prestigious awards have been a highlight of the geothermal calendar since the late 1970's.

The President of the GRC, Richard Campbell, announced the honors in the Opening Session of the 36<sup>th</sup> GRC Annual Meeting, opening today at the Peppermill Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada.

The GRC will present its prestigious Aidlin, Pioneer, and Special Achievement awards at its Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon, the climax to the GRC Annual Meeting, on Wednesday.

"The recipients of these awards often have a lifetime of achievement in the geothermal academic, scientific and commercial communities", said GRC Interim Executive Director Steve Ponder. "The GRC Awards recognizes the contributions of these individuals to the geothermal sector".

The award winners are:

**R. Gordon Bloomquist** - *Joseph W. Aidlin Award*

For outstanding contributions to the Geothermal Resources Council and to the development of geothermal resources.

**Darrell L. Gallup** - *Geothermal Pioneer Award*

For outstanding achievements in the development of geothermal resources.

**Tsuneo Ishido** - *Geothermal Pioneer Award*

For outstanding achievements in the development of geothermal resources.

**Doug Powell** - *Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

For outstanding contributions to the worldwide development and operation of geothermal electric generation facilities.

**Jack A. Frost** - *Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

For outstanding contributions to the development and optimization of geothermal production pump systems.

**Ahmad Ghassemi** - *Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

For outstanding contributions to the modeling of coupled chemical-thermal-mechanical processes and rock-fluid interactions in geothermal reservoirs.

**Patrick Dobson** - *Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

For outstanding contributions to the understanding of the geology and geochemistry of geothermal systems.

For more information about the GRC Annual Meeting, visit [www.geothermal.org](http://www.geothermal.org) or call (530) 758-2360.

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*About the Geothermal Resources Council:*

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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