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## **The 36<sup>th</sup> Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting Opens in Reno, Nevada**

*Attendees from over 30 countries congregate at largest annual gathering of the global geothermal community*

(Davis, Calif.) The Annual Meeting of the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC) will officially open Sunday, September 30 at the Peppermill Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada, USA. The prestigious event this year celebrates *Geothermal: Reliable, Renewable, Global*.

Now in its 36th year, the GRC Annual Meeting was created for the leading voices and minds of the geothermal industry from every corner of the globe. The meeting is designed to encourage networking, business and educational opportunities for all attendees through an interesting and entertaining event.

"The Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting promises to deliver an exciting and educational experience that will empower attendees with the knowledge, contacts and opportunities they need to advance their professional development," said Steve Ponder, Interim Executive Director of the GRC.

The opening session will feature distinguished international keynote speakers presenting developments in the industry and discussing the way ahead for geothermal power.

Over the next three days, there will be over 180 technical presentations totaling over 60 hours, bringing the latest research from around the world. In tandem there will be over 75 posters including those from graduates of the National Geothermal Academy in Reno, and the three finalists of the National Geothermal Student Competition. Also on show will be the winners of the 33rd GRC Photo Contest.

Attendees also get the chance to see the geothermal industry in action with 5 field trips out into the surrounding area to see why Nevada is literally a hot-spot for geothermal in the USA and the world. There will also be tours of the Peppermill Resort Spa, renowned for its green policies including being

the only resort in the U.S. whose heating source is totally provided from geothermal energy produced on the immediate property.

As well as numerous networking opportunities, attendees can visit the U.S. Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) Energy Expo with over 160 exhibitors showcasing their projects, equipment, services and state of the art technology.

Members of the working media who wish to cover the event may contact Ian Crawford of the GRC at [icrawford@geothermal.org](mailto:icrawford@geothermal.org) or (530) 758.2360 to register at no cost.

For more information about the GRC Annual Meeting, visit [www.geothermal.org](http://www.geothermal.org) or call (530) 758-2360. For information about the GEA Energy Expo visit [www.geothermalenergy2012.com](http://www.geothermalenergy2012.com).

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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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