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## **Geothermal Awards Announced as GRC Annual Meeting Opens on Sunday**

*Best and Brightest of the Global Geothermal Community Honored at the 37<sup>th</sup> GRC Annual Meeting in Las Vegas*

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

The GRC will present its prestigious Aidlin, Henry J Ramey Jr., Ben Holt, Pioneer, and Special Achievement awards at its Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon, the climax to the GRC Annual Meeting, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on Wednesday, October 2.

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

The award winners are:

*Joseph W. Aidlin Award*

**Lucien Y. Bronicki**

For lifetime achievement in the advancement of geothermal energy worldwide and for steadfast support of the Geothermal Resource Council.

*Geothermal Pioneer Award*

**Gustavo Cuéllar**

For pioneering and continuous contributions to the development of Central America's geothermal resources.

*Henry J Ramey Jr. Award*

**Subir K. Sanyal**

For lifetime achievements in geothermal reservoir engineering worldwide.

*Ben Holt Award*

**Kenneth A. Phair**

For significant contribution to engineering works on geothermal power plant design.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Ingvar Birgir Fridleifsson**

For effective and steadfast efforts to educate, train and mentor new generations of geothermal experts.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Doone Wyborn**

For outstanding contributions to the understanding and development of Engineered Geothermal Systems.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Connie and Bernie Karl**

For acknowledgement of accomplishments at Chena Hot Springs and of steadfast support advancing interest in and development of geothermal resources.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**William Cumming**

For outstanding contributions in improving the use of geophysical methods and conceptual models in the evaluation and development of geothermal resources.

For more information about the GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Geothermal Energy Expo at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, visit [www.geothermal.org/meet-new.html](http://www.geothermal.org/meet-new.html) 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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