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### **Geothermal Energy Awards Announced**

*Best and brightest of the global geothermal community will be honored at the 40<sup>th</sup> GRC Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California, USA*

(Sacramento, California, USA) - The Geothermal Resources Council (GRC), one of the world's premier geothermal associations, 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 the prestigious Aidlin, Pioneer, Henry J Ramey Jr., Ben Holt, and Special Achievement awards at its Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon, the climax to the GRC Annual Meeting, in Sacramento on Wednesday, October 26.

"The recipients of these awards 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 educational institutions and the geothermal community around the world".

This year's award winners are:

#### *Joseph W. Aidlin Award*

**Anna Carter** - For untiring effort and contribution to the geothermal industry across many facets, and for her decades of commitment to the GRC.

#### *Geothermal Pioneer Award*

**Wilfred Elders** - For a career of outstanding contribution and ground breaking research in petrology, geochemistry, conceptual modeling and high-profile geothermal project management.

#### *Henry J. Ramey Jr. Award*

**John Pritchett** - For distinguished, technical advancements in geothermal reservoir simulations applied to a wide variety of fields.

*Ben Holt Award*

**Dan Hoyer** - For outstanding achievement in the development of geothermal resources worldwide.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Dale Merrick** - For outstanding accomplishment within Direct-Use and Direct-Use outreach worldwide.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Paul Spielman** - For over 30 years of outstanding geothermal field measurements and production management contributions to the industry.

*Geothermal Special Achievement Award*

**Aroha Campbell** - For outstanding achievement of geothermal development on Maori lands and the dramatic increase in value these efforts have brought to New Zealand.

For more information about the GRC Annual Meeting & GEA GeoExpo+ at the Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, California, USA 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 45-year track record, the Geothermal Resources Council has built a solid reputation as the one of the world's preeminent geothermal associations advancing geothermal development through education, research, and outreach.

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