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1. EFG News and News from EFG Members

The deadline for submitting news items for the next GeoNews is 10 March. The EFG Office looks forward to hearing from you.

EFG:



EAGE/EFG Photo contest "Geoscientists at work" - Call for entries ending soon.

EFG and EAGE members are invited to submit photos to the theme 'Geoscientists at work' until the **1**st **of April 2014**. The submitted photos should portray some aspects of the theme by, for example, depicting geological features of the earth relevant to geoscientific work, geoscientific activities (such as field geophysics, mapping or modelling) or the geoscientist's role in particular sectors.

More information:

GEOSCIENTISTS & http://www.houseofgeoscience.org/photocontest

GSL, UK:



Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide: Meeting the Global Challenge, London, UK, 14-15 April 2014.

This meeting will examine the challenges of implementing CCS at large scale from a global perspective, bringing together academic, industry and government speakers from Europe, North America and Australia to share and discuss the latest research findings and field experience.

More information: http://www.geolsoc.org.uk

2. General

European Institutions:



EC Public consultation 'Progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency objective and a 2030 energy efficiency policy framework'

The aim of this public consultation launched by the European Commission is to seek the opinions of the general public and all stakeholders on the issues related to energy efficiency policies and measures for 2020 and 2030. Particularly, the replies submitted to this consultation will provide an important input to the review of progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency target under Article 3(2) of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU. They will also be taken into consideration for the follow-up of the Communication "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030" to establish the exact ambition of future energy savings policy and the measures necessary to deliver it.

You may submit your response by **28 April 2014** at the latest.

More information: http://ec.europa.eu/energy



MEPs back beefed-up environmental impact assessment directive.

A proposed update of EU law to make environmental impact assessments clearer, ensure they take account of biodiversity and climate change and involve the public was backed by the European Parliament on 12 March 2014. This update, already informally agreed with the Council of Ministers, also aims to ensure that development project authorisations are not influenced by conflicts of interest.

More information: http://www.europarl.europa.eu

Events:

Geosciences - Investing in the Future, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 7 - 10 April 2014.

The 6th Saint Petersburg International Conference & Exhibition is an initiative by European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE). It is the largest geoscience event in the Russian Federation. The conference is organized biannually in Saint Petersburg, Russia. In 2012, around 800 visitors (Russian and foreign) attended the event and over 40 petroleum and service companies joined in the exhibition. The event is part of the EU-Russia Year of Science 2014. More information: http://www.eage.org/events/index.php?eventid=1010



European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014. Vienna, Austria. 27 April - 2 May 2014.

The EGU General Assembly 2014 will bring together geoscientists from all over the world to one meeting covering all disciplines of the Earth, planetary and space sciences. The EGU aims to provide a forum where scientists, especially early career researchers, can present their work and discuss their ideas with experts in all fields of geosciences.

More information: http://www.egu2014.eu/

3. Minerals

Events:



PERC AGM, Dublin, Ireland, 29 March 2014.

PERC will hold this year's annual general meeting at the IGI office at Dublin. A training workshop on Best practice for Assessment and Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves will be offered on 28 March. The course, to be led by Ed Sides of AMEC and PERC, is designed for those who are acting as Competent or Qualified Persons (CPs/QPs) with respect to Public Reports of Exploration Data, Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves, and also for those who are working towards becoming CPs or QPs for such Reports. More information: www.percstandard.eu

VIII International Brown Coal Mining Congress "BROWN COAL -OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS". Belchatów, Poland. 7-9 April 2014.

The organisers believe that the VIII International Brown Coal Mining Congress, like the last one, will enable to exchange ideas and achievements and will be a meeting place for the specialists in the mining and power industries. More information: http://www.kwbbelchatow.pgegiek.pl/index.php/viii-international-brown-coalmining-congress/

Publications:

Concrete and asphalt's green credentials could be improved through changes to production

According to a recent study, concrete and asphalt's environmental impact could be reduced by over a third through changes to manufacturing processes and the use of alternative raw materials. A scenario study based on life cycle analysis has indicated that using alternative types of cement in concrete and producing asphalt at lower temperatures could substantially improve the green credentials of these two common building materials.

More information:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/research/newsalert/pdf/364na4.pdf

4. Renewable Energy

Events:



D-GEO-D, Paris, France, 10-11 April 2014.

The French Geothermal Association AFPG will take the 10-11 April 2014 • PARIS opportunity of the third <u>Journées de la Géothermie</u> trade show and conferences, held in Paris on 10-11 April 2014, to open it to a larger audience. The two-day international conference D-GEO-D, or Deep-Geothermal Days, dedicated to deep geothermal energy will be organized in collaboration with Enerchange.

> Register by 10 February in order to benefit from earlybird rates.

More information: http://www.d-geo-d.com/

5. Oil and Gas

Events:

Production technology for other disciplines. A Comprehensive Course for Oil & Gas Engineers and Supporting Professionals in Other Disciplines, Kuala Lumpur, 21 - 23 April 2014.

This course will cover the introduction of two aspects of the Production Technology discipline:

- The technical aspects such as reservoir drive mechanisms, drilling methods, well and completion types, hydrocarbon inflow and outflow performance, formation damage and cleaning mechanisms, well life-cycle, production surveillance, production chemistry and the latest state of the art technologies.
- The organisational aspects of the roles and responsibilities in the interface and co-ordination of the multidisciplinary functional Petroleum Engineering environment.

More information: www.petroedgeasia.net

6. Natural Hazards

Events:



9th Alexander von Humboldt Conference 2014, High Impact Natural Hazards Related to the Euro-Mediterranean Region. Istanbul, Turkey. 24–28 March 2014.

The aim of this 9th Alexander von Humboldt International Conference is to open a forum on natural hazard events that are characterized by high impact and large destructive potential, particularly related to the Euro-Mediterranean Region.

More information: http://www.avh9.net/



3rd GRF One Health Summit 2014, Davos, Switzerland, 5-8 October 2014.

This event aims to further strengthen the holistic, interand trans-disciplinary paradigm which frames the complex interactions between human, animal, and environmental health. By collaboration among multiple professions such as veterinary and human medicine, environment, wildlife, livestock, agriculture, food security and public health, One Health intends to contribute to reduce existing and emerging global threats and support the overall strategy for the post 2015 sustainable development agenda.

You may submit abstracts for the summit until **31 March 2014**.

More information: http://www.grforum.org/home/

7. Jobs and Training

For more information on jobs and training possibilities please visit the <u>EFG website</u>. You will find there an updated list of job vacancy platforms all over Europe.

We hope you enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter and would be pleased to receive your comments, feedback or information on events relevant to the geological profession in Europe.

Kind regards, EFG Office

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