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Welcome to the new IGSHPA monthly newsletter, The Loop. Along with a new name, The Loop has a new design to help you read about the geothermal news you want to read. Each story will have a short blurb and you can always “Read More” about the story in the full newsletter or the associated website. We will continue to have IGSHPA news and Association news in each newsletter. Let us know what you think about The Loop.



Spitler selected for Fulbright honor

Oklahoma State University Regents Professor Jeffery Spitler has been selected for a prestigious Fulbright award to work with his counterparts in Sweden in advancing geothermal technology starting this summer. [Read More](#).

IGSHPA Events

Accredited Driller Workshop:
May 7-9, 2014

Train-The-Trainer Course:
June 23-27, 2014

Accredited Installer Workshop:
June 25-27, 2014

Certified GeoExchange Plus
Course: July 14-16, 2014

[More IGSHPA events calendar](#)

Illinois Department of Public Health

IGSHPA recently received approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health with the recommendation from the Closed Loop Well Contractor’s Certification Board in Illinois as a Closed Loop Well Third Party Organization. This approval recognizes IGSHPA certification as a reliable organization dedicated to promoting top quality and safe closed loop installations.

Geo Outlook on ISSUU

Two Stillwater, Okla., elementary schools retrofitted the campuses with geothermal technology. Read about Will Rogers Elementary and Highland Park Elementary installations on [ISSUU](#).



IGSHPA Trainings



Two IGSHPA trainings were held in Alabama and Oklahoma during the month of April. Mark Gallier and Eddie Hardee held an accredited installer training at the Alabama Power HVAC Training Center in Verbena, Ala., March 31-April 2. Attendees were Michael Lunsford, David Cunningham, James Price, Jim Smith, Jason Garner, A.J. Messina and DeWayne Jenkins.

Trainer Ed Lohrenz led the Certified GeoExchange Designer class April 2-4 at the Stillwater training center. Attendees were Dennis Crook, Ecobuilt Efficient Building, Coatesville, Pa.; Thomas Keeter, TFK Engineering, Broken Arrow, Okla.; and John Rhyner, PW Grosser Consulting, Bohemia, N.Y.

IGSHPA Conference 2014

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Sponsor the lanyards, hotel key cards, conference bags and more for your name to be seen continuously during the 2014 IGSHPA Technical Conference and Expo October 15-16, 2014 at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Md. For more information about these sponsorship opportunities and the other benefits you receive with your sponsorship, visit the conference [website](#) or contact [Shelly Fitzpatrick](#).

Membership/Accreditation Renewals expiring 6/30/2014

IGSHPA membership and accreditation renewals expiring 6/30/2014 have been mailed. If you did not receive a reminder in the mail, please call our office at 800-626-4747. Please remind your accounting offices of IGSHPA's address of 1201 S. Innovation Way, Suite 400, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Grandfather into NATE

For a limited time, IGSHPA, along with North American Technician Excellence, is offering a retroactive Accredited Installer certification for a one-time fee of \$100.00. This is a one-time opportunity to be grandfathered into NATE without re-testing.

To become NATE certified and take advantage of this offer, call the IGSHPA office before May 31. www.igspha.org or call 1-800-626-4747.

Have News?

Do you have news you want to share with IGSHPA for consideration for The Loop? Email Erin Portman, erin.portman@okstate.edu, with your news.

Geothermal News

Alabama National Guard opens first building in Alabama with highest eco-friendly rating

The Alabama National Guard held the grand opening of the Armed Forces Reserve Center on Pelham Range in July 2013 celebrating the first LEED Platinum certified commercial building in Alabama. The building uses geothermal technology with pipes drilled 300 feet below the earth's surface, along with motion sensitive lighting and other energy saving design elements and conservation systems, that helped in receiving the certification.

Geothermal and VRF Provide Best of Two Worlds

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, installed a ground source heat pump and variable-refrigerant-flow system in two of its old dormitories to become more energy efficient and maintain the architectural structure of the historical buildings. Seventeen 600-foot wells were drilled under the sidewalks for the geothermal system.

Bishop Kelley High School Goes Geothermal

Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa, Okla., is adding to its geothermal system of 66 wells used to heat and cool the main campus building that was installed last summer. Workers are drilling another 115 wells 400 feet deep that will be used to heat and cool the cafeteria and two gymnasiums.

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