

ASSOCIATION NEWS

EVENTS CALENDAR

26th Annual Conference and Expo

IGSHPA has successfully completed the organization's **26th Annual Conference and Expo** at South Point Hotel & Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event was well attended with over 400 attendees from the US and abroad.

The conference kicked off with opening session presentations by the conference **Platinum Sponsor presenter, Richard Soper, North American Regional President of Bosch Thermotechnology** and Keynote presenter, **Green Architect, Eric Corey Freed of organicArchitect** in San Francisco, CA.



During the opening session, **IGSHPA Marketing & Membership** Co-Chair, Jack DiEnna presented the **IGSHPA Chief Ambassador Award to Dr. Jim Bose**, IGSHPA's Executive Director for his outstanding leadership, guidance and support of IGSHPA and the geothermal industry. Ed Kirtley, Assistant Dean of CEAT, Outreach at OSU, accepted the award in Dr. Bose's absence.

- Nov 18-22, 2013**
[Train-The-Trainer Course](#)
Stillwater, OK

- Nov 20-22, 2013**
[Accredited Installer Workshop](#)
Stillwater, OK

- Jan 15-17, 2014**
[Certified GeoExchange Plus Course & Conference](#)
Stillwater, OK

- Feb 19-21, 2014**
[Accredited Driller Workshop](#)
Stillwater, OK



The **Conference Expo** featured a wide variety of **geothermal community representatives** promoting their company and exhibiting their products. There were 60 vendors in all. Of the 60 companies, 9 were new to the IGSHPA event this year and 4 were international. The Expo was open to the public each day at no charge.

At the 2013 event there were approximately **50 presentations** in the break-out sessions. The presentations consisted of updates from leading industry manufacturing companies, marketing strategies, new applications and updates in the United States and International as well as technical case studies. Muktha Tumkur, Program Manager, Renewable Energy said **"The sessions themselves were well planned with a very good mix of relevant and very knowledgeable speakers."** These presentations will be available on the IGSHPA website at http://igshpa.okstate.edu/conf/past_conf.asp.

IGSHPA Conference Training attracted 60 participants in Accredited Installer, Accredited Driller, CGD, and Building Load Analysis which were facilitated by 14 IGSHPA Trainers. The 4 different workshops also had a distinct international flair with 14 of the attendees arriving from countries outside the United States.



The Training Committee also announced the first **Regional Training Center** established by IGSHPA Trainer. Todd Giddings at the **Central Pennsylvania Institute (CPI) of Science and Technology**.



Free CGD Course Introduction Webinar

What is the Certified GeoExchange Designer (CGD) workshop? Ed Lohrenz, instructor of the course, is offering a FREE online CGD course introduction, which will provide an overview of the entire course, on Dec. 2, 2013 (11:00 – noon CST) and Jan. 6, 2014 (11:00 – noon CST). Both sessions are limited to 25 participants. You can register for one of these sessions at <http://www.geoptimize.ca/design-workshops.html>

Accredited Installer Workshop set for November 20-22

Accredited Installer Workshop in Stillwater, OK on November 20-22, 2013. Dr. Jim Bose and IGSHPA staff will teach the course. More information on course and registration is available here.

<http://igshpa.okstate.edu/training/accredited.htm>

GEOHERMAL NEWS

Ten Myths about Geothermal Heating and Cooling by Jay Egg, National Geographic:

Imagine a home in which the temperature is always comfortable, the system performs efficiently and doesn't require extensive maintenance, the air smells fresh, and you can hear birds chirping. Geothermal heating and cooling makes that vision a reality. Jay Egg provides ten myths about geothermal heating and cooling.

<http://energyblog.nationalgeographic.com/2013/09/17/10-myths-about-geothermal-heating-and-cooling/>

Africa's greenest hotel!

Geothermal systems installed at Hotel Verde, Cape Town South Africa, Steyn City development– **Africa's greenest hotel!** Offering 145 rooms. received the 110% Green Campaign award. <http://hotelverde.com/our-progress/geothermal-installation-complete/>

Geothermal: A PowEARTHful Investment By Butch Welsch

Even the Most Modest Contractors Should Consider a Geothermal Investment.

<http://www.achrnews.com/articles/124597-geothermal-a-powearthful-investment>.

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