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May 24, 2024: IGSHPA Dig Deeper Webinar

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Message from the Executive Director

As we move into Summer, watch your e-mail inbox and social media for news about IGSHPA member benefits. If you haven’t been on the IGSHPA member portal in a while, this is one of the exciting projects that has just been completed. You can now see all of the information about your membership and certification status, as well as set up your membership for autorenewal, which will keep you in the know on the latest developments.

As I mentioned in my April newsletter article, I will be working on member reports over the Summer for the many projects in progress. There’s a new
page in the Member Portal for providing updates and status reports to members. Click on the “Member Portal Resources” button and then on “IGSHPA Member Reports”. The first update posted is on IGSHPA’s workforce development plan. Additional information will be posted as updates are available.

IGSHPA very much appreciates IGSHPA members’ involvement in the new membership program and the next annual conference. We already have seven Benefactor Members and we’re already filling sponsorships for the conference. In the next couple of weeks, exhibit space for the conference will be available. Obviously, we could not pursue any of the projects without the support of members, and I sincerely appreciate the continued support, as well as an increasing number of commitments from the industry. Thank you very much!

Help keep the electric grid sustainable this summer with new GSHP installations!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hammond
Executive Director
International Ground Source Heat Pump Association
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IGSHPA/GAOI Annual Conference 2025

2025
IGSHPA / GAOI Conference
Champaign, IL
March 11-13, 2025
Breaking New Ground
Get Registered for our 2025 Conference!

Join us in Champaign, IL next March for our 2025 Annual Conference in collaboration with the Geothermal Alliance Of Illinois! Don't miss out on early bird pricing, and as always, if you are a GAOI or IGSHPA member you get to register at a discount! Go here to get registered! Exhibitor information will be available soon.

We are now accepting abstracts!

Come share your knowledge and passion for the industry by presenting at one of our workshops. The conference committee will be reviewing abstracts to determine the number of tracks and topics and selecting speakers for the workshops. Submission deadline is November 27, 2024. IGSHPA will be contacting all speakers by January 17, 2025, with a response to submissions. Although we would like to be able to accept all submissions, we are limited by the amount of time slots and the complimentary nature of the topics with other speaker submissions. Therefore, not all submissions will be accepted as a workshop for the conference. We will keep your submission on file in case there may be another option for this topic (e.g., Town Halls, Dig Deeper webinars, etc.) with your permission.

Submit your abstract using this form.

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities NOW AVAILABLE!

Become a sponsor of our 2025 Conference in Champaign, Illinois! As an industry leader, you are actively shaping and influencing this industry. So, let’s work together on promoting geothermal and beneficial electrification. You and your brand will be seen by hundreds of attendees in varying industries with opportunity to get feedback from top industry experts, get relationships started, generate leads, and create awareness for how great geothermal is. You can go here to see the various sponsorship opportunities available. To claim your sponsorship please email info@igshpa.org.

We would like to thank our conference sponsors, Carbon Solutions Group, Centennial Plastics, Climate Control Group, CoreChem, Enertech Global, Geo-Hydro Supply and WaterFurnace!
IGSHPA has contracted with the I Hotel, a LEED building, reserving the entire conference center. We have reserved a block of 90 rooms, which will sell out quickly so get your reservation in now! Once the block is full, additional hotel choices and room blocks near the conference center will be made available on our website. You can go to the 2025 conference page for more details about the hotel & conference center and to book your room.

Use group code IGSHPA25 and password auc4@ to access the special IGSHPA room block at $149 per night (plus taxes).

Nearby airports to fly into: Champaign Willard Airport, Springfield Airport, Decatur Airport, Bloomington Central Illinois Regional Airport, Peoria International Airport, St. Louis Lambert International. Or, fly into one of the Chicago airports (O’Hare International, Midway) and take the "L" downtown to take an Amtrak train to Champaign.
Industry know that Jeff Hammond, Executive Director of IGSHPA, is the CSA 2024 recipient of the prestigious Award of Merit. This award recognizes the tireless efforts that Jeff has undertaken to bring the upcoming New Edition of the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) / CSA (Canadian Standards Association)/ IGSHPA C448 Bi-National Standard (2024) to fruition. This New Edition of the C448 Standard will guide the Geothermal Industry for the next 5 years and provide consistency to Geothermal projects and value to all stakeholders. Congratulations Jeff - well deserved!

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**Member Portal Update!**

Based upon member feedback, we have completely updated the member portal to make it easier to use and to include a lot more features.

*Please note: You will need to reset your password to log into the new portal.*

**Step 1:** Under the "Members" menu, select "Welcome To The New Member Portal Log-in!" (if you bookmarked the old member portal, the old portal page has a link to the new one, but you'll want to update your bookmark).

**Step 2:** Your user name has been imported to the new portal but you'll need to reset your password. The next time you log in (once your password has been reset), you'll simply click on the "Continue to New Member Portal"
button. After a few weeks when most have reset their passwords, we'll update
the menu to take you directly to the login page.

Welcome to the New Member Portal Log-In!

Effective April 19, 2023, IGSHPA’s Member Portal has moved. The first time you log into the new portal, you will need to reset your password. Please follow the steps below to set up your account.

1. Click on this link to reset your password.
2. Click on the “Continue to New Member Portal” button below to log in with your new password.
3. The next time you log in, you will see this page again. Simply click on the “Continue to New Member Portal” to log in. Eventually, we will eliminate this page, once most people have reset their passwords.

Continue to New Member Portal

Step 3: Check out the new features such as Auto-Renewals for membership & certifications and the IGSHPA Store!

Welcome to the IGSHPA Member Portal

***NEW*** IGSHPA has a new look for our Member Portal. Check out all the new features and Information we have added to make your experience easier!

NOTE: IGSHPA’s Membership and Certification processes have changed, effective January 1, 2024. Membership is not required for certification but certification renewals are available at a discount for members. For details on membership and certification, click here.

We appreciate any feedback that could make your experience on the member portal better.
Advertise in the July 2024 GeoOutlook Magazine!

Help keep GeoOutlook going and promote your brand at the same time! Did you know that IGSHPA has over 6,000 subscribers for GeoOutlook Magazine?
And since we partner with BNP Media for the creation of the magazine, that means it’s also available to The HVACR News (31,000) and Engineered Systems (13,000) audiences, making our total subscribers about 50,000.

Reader mix for GeoOutlook is as follows:

- HVAC contractors
- Architects/engineers/designers
- GHEX (Ground Heat Exchanger) Installers
- Utilities
- Manufacturers
- HVAC, plumbing, drilling supply, construction equipment distributors
- Government and regulatory
- Universities, trade schools, and community colleges
- Researchers
- Associations

Don’t forget that IGSHPA members can take advantage of a special First Time Advertiser offer to advertise for a discounted price!

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**Deadline for ads is June 1, 2024**

**Publication is the end of the month for each issue.**

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**May Dig Deeper**
Join us on May 24, 2024 at 10:30 CT for our Dig Deeper Webinar with Jacob Gribbon, Strategic Markets Executive for James M. Pleasants Company. Jacob will be presenting: **GSHPs Vital Role in Decarbonization: Phaseout of R410 and Other Refrigerants.** [Go here to register.](#)

Currently, the most widely used refrigerant for HVAC is R410A, a hydrofluorocarbon gas. Although hydrofluorocarbons pose no direct threat to humans, they have a high global warming potential (GWP) due to their ability to trap heat. GWP is a metric used to describe how harmful a greenhouse gas is. Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHPs) have many advantages in terms of their low Energy Use Intensity (EUI) and high coefficient of performance (COP). However, looming refrigeration regulatory changes are another reason GSHP systems could soon dominate the commercial HVAC landscape. This presentation will provide background on the upcoming changes, as well as the unique advantages GSHPs have in solving many of the challenges.

Jake Gribbon, has over 26 years of sales, engineering, installation, and management experience dealing with hydronic, airside, and distributed refrigerant systems for commercial and industrial applications.

He is 3rd generation steamfitter by trade. He graduated from the Pipefitter Apprentice and Journeyman trades program in Southern California in 2004.

Jake worked for 2 very large Design Build mechanical firms on the West Coast starting in California then eventually moving to Hawaii. His wore multiple hats
doing the installation, design, and management of the various systems applications. These systems included geothermal, critical lab spaces (BSL3 and ABSL), process piping systems for DOD, process piping for semiconductor and photonics facilities, process systems for cleanrooms, and traditional HVAC comfort cooling/heating applications.

From there Jake was recruited by one of the premier Rep firms on the West Coast “Hawaii” as an Outside Sales Engineer specializing in VRF technology as well as supporting hydronic and airside products for various applications.

He moved to Atlanta, Georgia 2017 and took a position to work for one of the top VRF manufacturers in the world as a Regional Sales Engineer for the Southeast. He was responsible for supporting Applied Reps with designs and education, as well as managing/growing owner level relations.

In 2021 Jake was then recruited by Climate Control Group to manage the Southeast region of the United States. He was responsible for managing sales for G/WSHP’s, and Air/Water Source modular chillers as well as educating owners, engineers, architects about the benefits of geothermal and hydronic based systems.

Currently Jake is working for James M Pleasants which is the premier Applied Rep in the Southeast. His responsibilities include strategic initiatives, geothermal / hydronic / airside systems support and education, as well as supporting/building owner relationships.

Go here to register.

June Town Hall

IGSHPA
MONTHLY VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Sponsored by LOOPTECH GEOTHERMAL
On June 12, 2024 at 10:30 am CT, join us for our June Town Hall! We will be hearing from John Mullen, Director of Technical Services at Radiant Professionals Alliance. John’s presentation will be **Alliance in Action: Partnerships Driving Progress, Showcasing RPA’s Recent and Upcoming Initiatives.**

IGSHPA & RPA (Radiant Professionals Alliance) signed an MOU in 2023. John’s presentation will cover the RPA’s recent work and what we’ve got planned next. You’ll learn how our committees, along with our partners, are pushing the envelope on new technologies and practices in the plumbing and mechanical industries. We’ll discuss the real-world impact of our collaborations, showing how they enhance our ability to innovate and lead. This presentation is aimed at taking the audience through the key projects and educational initiatives that are shaping the future of our environment. Together, we’re making real change happen, right here, right now.

Since 1994, the RPA has been promoting radiant heating as comfortable, efficient, and healthy on behalf of its network of dedicated members who share the desire to advance the understanding and acceptance of radiant and hydronic technology. The stakeholder member groups in the RPA include:

- Contractors and Dealers
- Manufacturers
- Distributors
- Design Professionals
- Associates such as trade associations, independent sales representatives and utility companies
- Educational or non profit organizations with an interest in the industry
- Individuals, students, retired persons who have an interest in the industry
- IAPMO Associates who have an interest in the industry

RPA provides up-to-date reference materials and publishes industry leading publications, such as the Radiant Flooring Guide and Radiant Living Magazine. RPA also delivers first-rate expert led training seminars and state-of-the-art educational webinars on topics about contemporary hydronic and
radiant systems.

Go here to register.

Submit Your Project to Win a One Year Contractor Business Membership with IGSHPA!

We are excited to announce The Great Installations Challenge sponsored by Grundfos! This is an opportunity to showcase your workmanship, design, or application. The work must be fully completed and fully operational. Originality or uniqueness, as well as a great looking installation are all considered when choosing the winners of the Great Installation Challenge. Good luck!

Submit your install by filling out the contest form here.

The winner will receive a free one-year contractor business membership or renewal of existing membership for one year as well as be highlighted on our social media channels and monthly newsletter!

**THE RULES:**

1. Contest participants must be 18 years old or older.
2. Pictures should be of the mechanical room and not include people (for privacy purposes).
3. Contest runs from April 1 to May 31, 2024. Winner will be announced in June.
4. Grundfos products are not required for entry into the contest. Since
Grundfos is sponsoring this challenge, a question about Grundfos products was added to the form. NOTE: Some Grundfos products are private-labeled by OEMs.

5. One winner will be awarded. Others may be mentioned as “honorable mentions”.

6. IGSHPA’s privacy policy is available for review here.

7. IGSHPA’s association policies/code of ethics is available for review here.

Upcoming Events

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**May 28-30, 2024: IGSHPA Research Conference** - The International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA) is pleased to announce that the next IGSHPA Research Conference will be held at Polytechnique Montréal, May 28-30, 2024. This is the fourth in a series of research conferences held in Denver (2017), Stockholm (2018), and Las Vegas (2022). For more info & registration, go here.

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