

Welcome to a quick update from the SMU Geothermal Lab. We want to take the opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

## **Geothermal News and Notes**

The **Department of Energy** has announced **\$11.4 Million** for seven new projects to advance **efficient drilling** for geothermal energy. See the projects at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-announces-114-million-new-projects-advance-efficient-drilling-geothermal">https://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-announces-114-million-new-projects-advance-efficient-drilling-geothermal</a>.

GeoEnergy Marketing, WING, ThinkGeoEnergy, the GRC, and IGA are interested in learning more about social media usage in the geothermal industry. Take a minute or two and complete their survey at https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4615286/Social-Media-Usage-Market-Research-Survey.

**Students** - The Geophysical Society of Houston is holding their annual Gulf Coast Challenge Bowl Tuesday, April 16, 2019 in Houston. This is a fast-paced **game-show format contest**, where teams of 2 Geophysics students from the Gulf Coast region (including OK and AR this year) compete to win an **all-expenses-paid trip** to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists 2019 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, September 15-20, 2019. Email Peter Wang at <a href="mailto:pwang01@gmail.com">pwang01@gmail.com</a> for more information.

## Calendar

\*Let us know if you'd like to meet at SMU regarding deep-direct use of geothermal and oil and gas wells. We're looking at a possible conference in late spring or early summer 2019 based on your feedback.

**February 11-13, 2019 - Stanford Geothermal Workshop**, Stanford University, California. More information: <a href="https://geothermal.stanford.edu/events/workshop">https://geothermal.stanford.edu/events/workshop</a>.

**September 15-20, 2019 - Society of Exploration Geophysicists** Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. More information: <a href="https://seg.org/Annual-Meeting-2019">https://seg.org/Annual-Meeting-2019</a>.

**September 15-18, 2019 - 43rd GRC Annual Meeting & Expo,** Palm Springs, California. More information: <a href="http://www.geothermal.org">http://www.geothermal.org</a>. **Geothermal Resources Council** has a full list of geothermal events.

## **End of Year Giving**

The Geothermal Lab outreach program is funded through tax deductible donations. You can make a difference in our 2019 efforts today with a gift. Use this link to go directly to the <a href="Moleon SMU Giving webpage">SMU Giving webpage</a>. Thank you!

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