



ANNUAL MEETING SPECIAL EDITION

GSA Annual Meeting – Philadelphia 2006

This year's GSA Annual Meeting will convene in Philadelphia with the technical program running from Sunday through Wednesday, Oct. 22-25. Of course, things will really start on Saturday and Sunday with a host of short courses, workshops, GSA awards, and the ever popular Welcoming Party. This year's theme is "The Pursuit of Science – Building on a Foundation of Discovery," which is an altogether perfect way to celebrate the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin, one of America's outstanding original thinkers – as well as scientist, philosopher, and inventor.

Pardee Symposium Focuses on Communication and Public Education

A significant feature of Geological Society of America annual meetings are the Pardee keynote symposia. One will be: **"Geosciences and the Media: How Can We Better Communicate the Imperatives of Sustainability?"** that should be of particular interest to engineering geologist dealing with various types of hazards as well as those involved with water, climate and resource issues. This symposium is a collective effort by the Engineering Geology Division together with the Geology and Society Division, Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division, Critical Issues Caucus, Geology and Public Policy Committee, and Association of Earth Science Editors. All symposium speakers will be invited. Keep this session in mind when you are planning your meeting schedule.

Call for Papers! Help Make Your Division-Sponsored Sessions a Success!

EGD members are encouraged to contribute papers to the many sessions sponsored and co-sponsored by the Division. Your strong support will ensure that there are many technical sessions to choose from for your own professional development and advancement in the environmental and engineering geology field. Don't assume just because you see a session that sounds like one you would like to attend that it will be part of the final program. That will only happen if enough papers are volunteered to make it happen. So if you don't have something suitable for that session, be sure to encourage your co-workers students, and/or colleagues to submit an abstract.

Please consult the April/May edition of **GSA Today** or the GSA website (<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2006/>) for details about the following sessions (contact the session sponsors listed for more specific information):

T10. Geotechnical Investigations: The Phase 1 Investigation in Karst Terrain

Richard F. Dalton, William E. Kochanov

T11. Engineering Geology in the Northeastern United States

Craig R. Calabria, Chad Freed

T12. Fractured Rock Characterization in Applied Geology

William C. Haneberg

T35. Watershed-Based Approaches to River Restoration

Sara L. Rathburn, Karin Boyd

T38. Earthquakes and Effects on Health

Constantin Cranganu

T40. Geohazards—Teachable Moments for Students and the Public: An Illustrated Community Discussion (Posters)

David W. Mogk, Cathryn A. Manduca, Barbara Tewksbury

T42. Visualization in the Geosciences

Sarah Titus, Eric Horsman, Cathryn Manduca

T47. Learning from Disaster: Using Natural Disasters to Teach Geoscience Concepts, Spatial Understanding, and Temporal Scale

James H. Kirby

T61. Geology and America's Early Wars

Bob Higgins, William R. Brice, Judy Ehlen

T65. Detection of Voids, Tunnels and Collapse Features

Todd Halihan, J.E. Nyquist

T148. Intraplate Earthquakes: Advances in Understanding their Causes and the Hazard Posed by Them

Eugene Schweig, Pradeep Talwan

Abstracts Deadline: July 11

Abstracts for technical sessions are easy to submit through the electronic system on the GSA website (<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2006/>). Remember that there is a non-refundable submission fee of \$18 for students and \$30 for all others.

Only One EGD-Sponsored Short Course at Philadelphia

While only one short course is being sponsored by the Engineering Geology Division at the GSA Annual Meeting, it is going to be a good one. "Digital Terrain Modeling" will be taught by William Haneberg, a professional with considerable expertise and skill in this area. It will be a full day session on Saturday, Oct. 21. As short course fees go these days, it is a bargain at \$240. Register early!

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