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INTERNATIONAL GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

CHARTER

Preamble

The International Geothermal Association (IGA) is a scientific, educational and cultural organization established to operate worldwide. It is a non-political, non-governmental, non-profit organization. It has no political affiliation. Its aim is to encourage, facilitate and, when appropriate, promote coordination of activities related to worldwide research, development and application of geothermal resources. Therefore, IGA is :

- a. A broad, open forum for the discussion and debate of problems of common interest.
- b. A focus for the evaluation of actions and means necessary to strengthen the human capabilities needed for accelerated research development and application of geothermal resources.
- c. A vehicle for the encouragement and implementation of activities necessary to accelerate the utilization of geothermal resources around the world and
- d. A reference point for geothermal-related activities in which the International geothermal community is involved.

Objectives

The objectives of the IGA are to:

- a. Encourage facilitate and when appropriate, promote the coordination of scientific and technical education in geothermal matters worldwide through its membership.
- b. Carry out and facilitate the collection compilation, publication, exchange and dissemination of scientific and technical data, and of information on geothermal research, development and use worldwide.
- c. Stimulate, implement and report on studies and surveys on geothermal subjects of general or- widespread interest, such as those related to resource assessment, energy data, uses of geothermal resource, projections of requirements for human resources, standardization of methodologies and measurement units, and optimization of efforts.
- d. Encourage the execution of fundamental studies, advanced research, laboratory investigations, field tests and other activities if general interest for the international community, which may result in the facilitation and acceleration of worldwide use of geothermal resources, and
- e. Identify the means to disseminate information and, when appropriate, publicize the importance that geothermal resources will have in meeting future energy needs of the world

Activities

The activities of the IGA include:

- a. Promote and organize international symposia, conferences, congresses, workshops, study tours and exhibitions on geothermal subjects of general and specific interest
- b. Publish proceedings, monographs, articles, data and reports of international geothermal interest.
- c. Create one or more international libraries and data bases.
- d. Promote and organize study groups to evaluate problems of interest to the international geothermal community.
- e. Encourage and/or provide technical assistance to public campaigns aimed at disseminating information on geothermal matters.
- f. Convene every five years a world congress covering all subjects related to research, development ;and utilization of geothermal resources.
- g. Undertake any other educational and/or scientific activities appropriate to the objectives of the IGA.

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