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Preparing for the future - The International Geothermal Association is implementing far reaching changes



(Image: The IGA Board of Directors and former Board Members, Iceland – April 27, 2018)

Upon concluding a tremendous amount of work on a strategic alignment program, the International Geothermal Association is implementing a series of changes. These improvements will help prepare the geothermal sector for the future and emphasize the IGA's role in the representation of the Global Geothermal Energy Sector.

To focus and strengthen its role, the International Geothermal Association (IGA) is proud to announce a series of reforms following the recent decisions made during the IGA Board of Directors meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.

IGA has made strides toward a more sustainable, independent structure that reflects the international nature of the representing body of the global geothermal sector through the association. This effort will transition IGA to an independent structure and position itself for growth by changing its funding model and modus operandi.

IGA understands the need to sharpen its value proposition for members and has taken steps to redefine elements of its membership model. Henceforth, IGA will increase its emphasis on the

industry with different corporate membership levels and engagement. At the same time, the association will sharpen its profile towards value proposition for our affiliated members, national associations, and institutions.

“With these changes, we are strengthening our position and engagement with international partners in our work highlighting what geothermal energy has to offer in the global energy transition. With the adaptation of our operational model we strengthen the role we play for our members and the wider global geothermal energy community.” - Alexander Richter, President of IGA & Principal, ThinkGeoEnergy

Alongside many ongoing and planned initiatives, the IGA is striving to create value for the geothermal sector and expand its collective voice on behalf of global geothermal development. These initiatives are already well underway with the deployment of UNFC Specifications for Geothermal Energy Resources, and engagement on the Geothermal Sustainability Assessment Protocol. IGA is planning to establish an Advisory Council to support IGA and its initiatives.

“Working on initiatives like the UNFC Specifications for Geothermal Resources and efforts on a Global Geothermal Sustainability Assessment Protocol, are aimed at supporting an accelerated deployment of geothermal energy, y strengthening the global geothermal energy industry for further growth and utilizing all that geothermal energy has to offer.” - Bruno Della Vedova, Secretary, IGA & Associate Professor, Fondazione Internazionale Trieste

IGA is actively taking steps for a deeper engagement with industry on activities and alignment that supports and strengthens our scientific and academic roots.

Furthermore, IGA has decided to change the frequency of the World Geothermal Congress from every five to three years. Following the World Geothermal Congress 2020, which will be held from April 27 to May 1, 2020 in Reykjavik, Iceland, the next congress will take place in 2023. The aim of this decision is to engage more frequently with our global members and emphasize the importance of promoting geothermal energy and its benefits for other industries.

“In the recent years the world-wide boom of renewable energy for power production has also seized geothermal. Especially in South-East Asia, Africa and Turkey the growth rates are impressive. Geothermal for heating has developed exponentially in China and some areas in Europe. Therefore, it is time to increase also the frequency of WGC, the most important platform of the geothermal sector for exchange of ideas, information and technology among practitioners, academics, industry and policy makers from the whole globe.” - Peter Meier, Chair of Information Committee, IGA & CEO, Geo-Energie Suisse AG

IGA is preparing a new communications strategy with the goal of increasing engagement with its membership, affiliated organizations, partners and the wider international geothermal community. Today, IGA is also proud to present and launch their new website: www.geothermal-energy.org and www.lovegeothermal.org

About the International Geothermal Association (IGA)

Founded in 1988, the International Geothermal Association (IGA) is the international representation of the global geothermal energy industry. With more than 4,000 members in

over 65 countries, IGA is a non-political, non-profit, non-governmental organization with consultative status to the UN and special observer status to the Green Climate Fund.

In our representation of the global geothermal community, we support and promote the sustainable utilization and development of geothermal energy resources through education, research, collaboration, and social awareness. We promote and support geothermal energy, as a sustainable, clean and valuable source of energy for future generations.

As the association of associations, IGA currently represents 36 national geothermal associations and groups, as well as industry and institutions.

IGA website: www.lovegeothermal.org & www.geothermal-energy.org

Website of the World Geothermal Congress 2020: www.wgc2020.com

The new logo of IGA: [<https://goo.gl/iCixL3>]

Social Media handles: @lovegeothermal

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