

AGEG TIG Reports for AGEG Meeting # 5, 20 – 21 November 2008

1. TIG #8: Outreach (Including Website)

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4. Scope of TIG

Objective: Assist the development of the Australian geothermal industry through coordinated geothermal training courses (in conjunction with IGA) and annual conference (in conjunction with AGEA). Improve communication strategy for AGEA & AGEG through provision of dedicated website that provides linkages to geothermal resource material (e.g. DOE's Legacy Collection, EnGINE, Geothermal Education Office etc). Facilitate informed public through accessible information including website and FAQ sheets. Provide educational kits for media, K-12 and university education.

List of sub-TIG Topics:

Key issues to be addressed by TIG #8 include but not limited to:

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| Website design and upgrades | Plan annual AGEA-AGEG conference |
| Develop FAQ Sheets | Coordinate geothermal training workshops |
| Consolidate links to all relevant geothermal websites | Develop educational kits |
| Consolidate Calendar of Events | |

What's not (and why)?

5. Lessons learnt

what has worked well? Small but dedicated AGEG committee that in a short space of time ran a highly successful conference and pre-conference workshop.

what can work better? More rapid update of website material and website design through dedicated resource.

ideas for improving performance: Work closely with AGEA (perhaps utilising a shared webmaster) to upgrade site and develop new web-pages. Explore options for collaboration with US Geothermal Education Office that are currently underfunded (see <http://geothermal.marin.org/>) to develop education kits and training modules. Engage with TESEP to improve geothermal education resources locally.

Adopt similar approach to archiving research papers that the US DOE has successfully adopted through their Legacy Collection (see <http://www.osti.gov/geothermal/>). Identify and develop FAQ sheets to increase public awareness.

6. Initiatives

Complete:

Launch of AGEG website (<http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/geothermal/ageg>) in April 2008.

Joint AGEG – IGA (WPRB) Geothermal Reservoir Management Course by Cedric Malate held on 19 August 2008 in Melbourne attended by 45 delegates as part of the pre AGECE 2008 conference activities.

Highly successful AGECE 2008 conference held in Melbourne on 20th - 22nd August as a joint AGEA-AGEG initiative and attended by ~300 delegates.

Prepared Expression of Interest on behalf of AGEA, AGEG and NZGA for co-hosted 2015 World Geothermal Congress (WGC 2015) to be held in Australia.

In Progress:

Full review of website and educational material has been initiated.

Planned:

Joint AGEG-AGEA Geothermal Conference to be held in September 2009. Call for new committee at AGEA and AGEG meetings in November to form Scoping plan for building data system within Onshore Energy and Minerals Division of Geoscience Australia. This work may be scheduled to start in the 09/10 financial year.

Possible involvement in final documentation for WGC 2015 bid.

7. Tabulation of projects

