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Section Meeting

You are invited to attend the AEG KC/O Section's March 18, 2009 meeting. Dr. Edmund Medley, AEG Jahns Distinguished Lecturer, will be our guest speaker.

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Time: 5:30-6:30 Registration and Dinner-BBQ by Jack Stack
6:30 Speaker Presentation

Topic: "The Comforts of Ignorance and the Benefits of Arrogance - Lessons of the Failure Kind for the Geopractitioner"

Speaker: Dr. Edmund Medley

Cost: \$15/person
Students \$7.50

Location: Diastole, 2501 Holmes, Kansas City, MO

Diastole is a prominent fixture in the Hospital Hill area. It was built as Dr. E. Grey Dimond's residence which he later donated to UMKC. It contains valuable displays of 100s of artifacts that he had collected during his overseas travels. A picture and directions are available at: <http://www.umkc.edu/virtualtour/diastole.asp>

Eligible for 1.0 Professional Development Hour (PDH) for attending.

For reservations, please call Blane Wood at (913) 563-1452 or email blane.wood@pacelabs.com. Reservation **deadline is noon March 17, 2009.**

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“The Comforts of Ignorance and the Benefits of Arrogance - Lessons of the Failure Kind for the Geopractitioner”

Ignorance and arrogance are all too common in the design professions. It is comforting to not know what one does not know. And, there are benefits to being arrogant: why waste time on having a colleague check your work if you know what you are doing? Why go through the pain of further education or professional development? Why should engineering geologists talk to geotechnical engineers (and vice versa)? After all: “I know enough geowhatever to get by.” But ignorance leads to blissful mistakes and arrogance results in occasional spectacular, famous and expensive failures. In this lecture a few lessons are offered, particularly to the engineering geologist/geotechnical engineer/environmental scientist who thinks he/she knows it all.

Edmund Medley 2009 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer

Edmund Medley, Ph.D., P.E., CEG, F.ASCE, has been named the *2009 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer in Engineering Geology*, by the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) and the Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America (GSA). The Jahns award was established in 1988 to commemorate Professor Richard H. Jahns (1915-1983), who had an influential and diverse career in academia, consulting and government. The intent of the partially-funded lectureship is to encourage student and professional awareness of engineering geology through a series of lectures presented across North America during the award year.

A Senior Consultant in the Oakland, California office of Geosyntec Consultants, Dr. Medley has over 30 years of unusually varied international experience in geotechnical and geological engineering consulting, mineral exploration prospecting, failure investigation, litigation testifying and research. He has consulted on major landslides, rockfall hazards, expansive/collapsing soils, tunnel failures, coastal erosion, sinkholes and other ground movements. He is licensed/registered/chartered as an engineer and geologist in the USA, Canada, and the United Kingdom and is affiliated with several international geosciences and engineering organizations, including the GSA and AEG. He was the San Francisco AEG Section Membership Committee Chairman between 1991 and 1993 and the San Francisco Section Short Course Chairman between 1995 and 1996.

Dr. Medley earned his B. Appl. Science in Geological Engineering (1978) from the University of British Columbia, where he was also awarded the first Aro A. Aho Medal for academic excellence in Geological Engineering. His M.S. (1991) and Ph.D. (1994), both in Geotechnical Engineering, are from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1993, he was named AEG’s Marliave Scholar for outstanding scholarship in Engineering Geology and Geological Engineering. Medley has presented over 150 professional and academic lectures, Short Courses and MCLE Credit courses and has contributed to about about 50 technical writings, many describing his pioneering approaches to the engineering and geological characterization of bimrocks (block-in-matrix rocks), complex geological mixtures of rock and soil such as melanges, fault rocks and weathered rocks.

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