



**Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists  
Kansas City/Omaha Section  
February 2009**

## **Upcoming Events**

COMING SOON! The **Jahns Lecture** will be presented on **March 18** at 5:30 pm at the Diastole. **Ed Medley**, Ph.D, PE, CEG, F.ASCE, Senior Consultant in the Oakland, California office of Geosyntec Consultants, will speak on “**The Comforts of Ignorance and the Benefits of Arrogance - Lessons of the Failure Kind for the Geopractitioner.**”

5:30-6:30pm Registration and Dinner  
6:30pm Presentation

Cost: \$15/person  
Students \$7.50

The meeting will be held at Diastole:  
2501 Holmes, Kansas City, MO

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Dr. Medley will also participate in the **16<sup>th</sup> Environmental Forum at UMKC, March 19**, 9:30-11:00 am; Room 106 University Center. The topic will be “**Urban Catastrophe from a Leaking Sewer.**”

For additional details and a listing of other speakers, please contact:  
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## **On the Horizon**

AEG's Semi-Annual Board meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington in April. For details, check the website: [www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org)

May 14 – **Mark Molinari**, AEG President will speak to our Section here in Kansas City. Details TBA.

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In 2009 we plan to have some lunch meetings and will continue to coordinate activities with ASCE. The first of these is very soon:

This Thursday, **February 19**, the Structural Engineers Association of Kansas and Missouri (SEAKM), in conjunction with ASCE AEG, and UMKC, will host “**Micropiles: Applications and Techniques.**” The presentation will be offered by **Mr. Pat Carr**, P.E., President, Judy Company. The program will begin at 11:30 am at Garozzo's on College Blvd. at Mastin. Please contact Brett Odgers or Tencate Mirafi at 913-909-7510 for reservations and details.

The **2009 Annual Kansas City Geotechnical Conference** will be held on Friday, **April 17**, 2009 at The Terrace on Grand (1550 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO). The topic this year will be “**Innovation and Sustainability.**” Stay tuned for more information, or contact Aaron Gaul at 816-421-4334.

**John Moylan** will meet and visit with the geology students at Northwest Missouri State University on **February 20** and at Emporia State University on **February 26** about geology as a profession. John is one of the “**Visiting Professionals**” volunteers sponsored by the AEG Students and Young Professionals Support Committee.

The newly-established student chapter at UMKC is off to a great start. On **March 11, Richard Moberly, Dave Drake, and John Moylan** will participate in a panel discussion at the **UMKC Student Chapter**. They will discuss academic preparation and job opportunities for geology and environmental studies majors.

Additional information about our section and planned activities is available on our website. [www.vocshop.com/aeg](http://www.vocshop.com/aeg)

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## Recent Activities

Thanks to **Greg Ohlmacher** of Black & Veatch. Greg presented **“Some Issues Related to Paleokarst and Engineering Geology”** on January 27. The presentation was well-attended, with approximately 20 people present.

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## Other News

**Syed Hasan**, Professor of Geology and Director, **Center for Applied Environmental Research (CAER)**, Department of Geosciences, University of Missouri-Kansas City, will be offering a workshop at the **Annual Meeting of the North Central Section of GSA** at Rockford, IL, **April 1, 2009**. The workshop will focus on the importance of geological materials and processes in human health. Workshop goals and expectations, registration information, and student scholarship application form are available at: <http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/health09/index.html>

Workshop fee: \$30 professionals; \$10.00 students. A number of **scholarships** for qualified students, underwritten by the GSA's Engineering Geology Division and Geology & Health Division, will be awarded to subsidize meeting and workshop registration fees.

Enrollment at the workshop is limited to 40, so early application to assure a place is highly recommended. Deadline for workshop registration is March 2, 2009. Deadline for scholarship application is February 27, 2009.

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**Syed Hasan** has been invited to give a presentation at the **2009 Gulf Conference on Sustainability and the Environment, Kuwait, Feb. 16-19, 2009**. Syed will speak on “Environmental Risk Assessment of Industrial Waste.”

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## ENGINEERING GEOLOGY CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological Survey (DGS)** is proposing to publish a document on the **Engineering Geology of Missouri** in the near future. This document will contain case histories, as well as articles on applied engineering and environmental geology within the State of Missouri. DGS is requesting abstracts of no more than 250 words be submitted to them by March 1, 2009 (however, this date appears to be slipping into April).

The main subject areas of potential papers include: Geologic Hazards, Dams, Transportation, Mining, Tunneling & Underground Construction, Waste Management & Environmental Remediation, Water Resources, Foundation / Construction Materials, and Methods of Practice.

If you would like to submit an abstract please contact **Bill Duley** ([bill.duley@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:bill.duley@dnr.mo.gov)) for more information on requirements for the abstract. If anyone has any questions, you can contact **Richard Moberly** at 816.520.5600 or at [rmoberly@planetkc.com](mailto:rmoberly@planetkc.com).

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Condolences to the family and friends of **John Hoyt**. John passed away on February 9, 2009. John was retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers – Kansas City. He will be missed.

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AEG welcomes any input and additional resources that you think might be useful. Email the AEG Web Editor/Writer, Chuck Snell, at [snellcb@bellsouth.net](mailto:snellcb@bellsouth.net) with your comments.

Please also check our Section Website for regional events and information:

## **KC/O Section Website**

[www.vocshop.com/aeg](http://www.vocshop.com/aeg)

If you have information on interesting projects, hobbies, or research you would like to see on the website or in our section newsletter, feel free to contact Josh Sales or Yvonne Huff. Contact information is listed below.

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