



Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists
Kansas City/Omaha Section
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Upcoming Events

The next Kansas City/Omaha Section meeting will be held on **January 19, 2007** at the Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee in Kansas City, MO. Our speaker will be Professor **Jack Shroder** of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His topic will be the *Geoscience Adventures in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Tectonic to Terrorist Terrains*.

Barbra Smith of KDOT will be the speaker for the March section meeting. Our new AEG President, **Dr. Terry West**, will be coming to Kansas City to speak to us in June. Stay tuned for details.

The **2007 North American Landslide Conference** to be held in Vail, Colorado on **June 3-8, 2007**, has had a tremendous response. It is anticipated that the conference will be sold out within a few days of opening the registration. Please be aware of the need to register early for this conference. Look for details at: www.mines.edu/academic/geology/landslidenvail2007

The Kansas Geological Society will host the Joint Meeting of the South-Central and North-Central Sections of the **Geological Society of America**. The GSA meeting will be held **April 11-13** in Lawrence, Kansas. Abstract deadline is January 23rd.

This year's meeting will include several environmental theme sessions, including these two recently added:

- *Applied Hydrogeology and Geophysics: Innovative Approaches to Old Hydrological Challenges*
- *Geologic Hazards in Urban Areas and Transportation Corridors of the Midcontinent.*

Syed Hassan has been on the management board of GSA's Engineering Geology Division for the past three years and will be serving as Chairman for the Division for the 2006-2007 year. Additional information is available by contacting Syed, or by visiting the GSA website at: www.kgs.ke.edu/Conferences/GSA07/index.html

Recent Activities

November 17, 2006 We joined with the Kansas Section of the American Institute of Hydrology for the 15th Annual Kansas Hydrology Seminar. We had eleven speakers from several backgrounds, including the Kansas Geological Survey, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and various consulting firms. The day was full of information and provided a great opportunity to see old friends and colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there next year.

October 5, 2006 Darrel Schmitz, PhD, PG, President of Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists provided us a presentation on *Katrina: Geologic, Disaster and Personal Perspectives*. Dr. Schmitz is the Professor of Geology and Head of Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University.

September 6, 2006 Dr. Syed Hasan, University of Missouri at Kansas City, recently gave a presentation on *Medical Geology*. The meeting was held at Anthony's, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

Other News

AGI Government Affairs issued an Action Alert on 12-18-06. The 110th Congress, which begins on January 4th has been left with 9 unfinished appropriation bills for the fiscal year 2007 (FY07) budget. Among the unfinished bills are the budgets for science agencies, such as the **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, NASA, NOAA, the Department of Energy and the United States Geological Survey. This means that the budget of the NSF will remain at the FY 2006 level for all of FY 2007 and NSF



will not receive the almost 8 percent increase requested in the administration request and in congressional work in 2006.

AGI encourages you to contact your representative and senators ASAP urging them to include increased funding in the continuing budget resolution. More information can be found at:

www.agiweb.org/gap/legis109/appropsfy2007_nsf.html.

A KC/O section board meeting was held on December 15, 2006. Bruce Wilkinson (KC/O Secretary) reported on his trip to the AEG Annual Meeting in Boston. Bruce went in place of Andrea Prince (KC/O Chairman), who was on maternity leave. News items of special interest include:

- AEG Treasurer reported the organization is alive and well and financially stable.
- In 2007, *AEG will celebrate 50 years* as a national organization. AEG is asking each section to present its history in a poster presentation at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Since next year also marks the 40th anniversary of the **Kansas City/Omaha section**, John Moylan has volunteered to put together a historical perspective in honor of both anniversaries.
- AEG publications are now electronic. Past and present AEG journals are available online to registered members.

Syed Hasan, Professor of Geology and Chair, Department of Geosciences, University of Missouri, Kansas City will present a poster titled "A preliminary report on potential link between heavy metals and health, Nile River islands, near Assiut, Egypt." at 118th Annual

Meeting of the Geological Society of America at Philadelphia in October.

Yvonne Huff has volunteered to assist the KC/O Section in publishing the newsletter. Yvonne is a geologist with 15 years experience in environmental consulting and is currently at Aquaterra Environmental Solutions.

The AEG Newsletter is looking for information on our members! Please consider providing information on interesting projects, hobbies, or research. If you have any news items of interest, please contact Yvonne at yhuff@aquaterra-env.com, or 913-681-0030.

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