AIPG 2020 National Conference

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Sacramento, California

The California Section has been working diligently to build a 2020 Annual Conference that brings students, young professionals and long-time AIPG members into their future destiny. The AIPG 2020 annual conference theme is, “Role of Geoscientists for Resiliency, Sustainability and Opportunities in the Changing Environment.” Sacramento, California is the host city and the surrounding area is spectacular. It includes the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains, Lake Tahoe, Sonoma and Napa vineyards and wineries, Pacific Ocean shorelines, and America’s western source of nuts, fruits and vegetables. These great attractions are within easy driving distance of our conference location. California is experiencing a high frequency of extreme temperature and precipitation conditions which has challenged the state's water resources, created geohazards, impacted where we grow the nation’s food and is developing vulnerabilities along our rising coastlines. Other sustainability challenges exist in the Golden State with the most complex water management strategy in the U.S. and yet, the potential opportunities for geologists to address these massive challenges are huge. Understanding the disrupting factors and learning about new geology-based solutions will help AIPG members to chart successful career pathways.

Whether you are exploring new opportunities, future markets for your professional services or are trying to start your professional career, this conference will provide leads, information and ideas that you need to prepare for future work. We believe the geoscientist's expertise has never been more important in solving our current challenges. Sessions will include new research, case studies and innovations in the field associated with resource development, geohazards, food and agriculture, energy, wildfires and deforestation, emerging contaminants and water supply. You will witness a round table panel discussing the expected 20-year and 80-year projected impacts and needed responses on the landscape and way of life in California in particular, and in the nation, more generally. The conversation will address what role geoscientists will need to fill now and into the future.

Two of our field trips will include traveling through the birth of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Lake Tahoe and a visit to the North Bay Wine country. A special set of
mini-events will be creatively scheduled specifically for building skill sets and networking. The AIPG California section will arrange opportunities with internship and employment sources from agencies, consulting firms and businesses. Come and meet many different types of geoscientists at the Gold Rush Mixer that brings curious students and professionals together with a multidisciplinary group of seasoned industry personnel.

Come and meet the professionals that are building resiliency into our country’s resources, explore new career opportunities and learn about the latest tools and technologies used in the geoscience today. Our response to changes experienced in our climate has motivated AIPG 2020 to address the challenges and develop future opportunities today. Geoscientists will come into the spotlight in Sacramento 2020. We look forward to seeing all of you at next year’s AIPG annual conference in Sacramento!

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