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Celebrating the International Year of Planet Earth

2008 JOINT ANNUAL MEETING

5-9 October 2008, Houston, Texas
George R. Brown Convention Center



Invitation

I encourage everyone to attend the 2008 Joint Annual Meeting in Houston — It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in more science, more venues for learning and growth, and more collegial fellowship than ever before! Come to the 4th largest city in the United States and join us in taking on the challenges of our science and our society.

— **Jack Hess**, GSA Executive Director

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5-9 October 2008
Houston, Texas



Celebrating the International Year of Planet Earth

GSA celebrates with SSSA-ASA-CSSA, GCAGS & HGS.

**Read about the exciting 2008
Technical Sessions and special events.**

Haven't registered yet? You can [register online](#) any time — now and throughout the Annual Meeting. **Haven't decided yet?** [Look to see who else will be there.](#)

Note: Badges will not be mailed this year. We'll be handing them out at the advanced registration desk on Level 2 of the George R. Brown Convention Center beginning at noon on Friday, 3 October, and we look forward to seeing you!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the *Abstracts with Programs* book **will not be mailed** prior to the Joint Annual Meeting in Houston. The book will be available for pick up in the registration area, level 2 of the George R. Brown Convention Center. It will also be available for purchase in the GSA Annual Meeting Bookstore. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Program Highlights

GSA Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, 4 Oct., 7-9 p.m., Convention Center, General Assembly Theater A

- GSA President **Judith Totman Parrish** will present "A Field Geologist Looks at a

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Judith Totman Parrish

Digital World."

- GSA's Publications Department extends its congratulations to books science editor Marion E. (Pat) Bickford and former *GEOLOGY* science editor Hugh C. Jenkyns, both of whom will receive the GSA Distinguished Service Award.

[[view 2008 Award Recipients](#)]



Alexander Klimchouk

Subaru Outdoor Life Keynote Address:

**In a Search for the Deepest Cave on Earth:
The Blend of Exploration Adventure and Science**

Alexander Klimchouk, Ukrainian Speleological Association

Monday, 6 Oct., 6-7 p.m., Convention Center, Room 350DEF

Klimchouk's passion for speleology has led him and a group of fellow explorers to the world's deepest cave — Krubera Cave in the Arabika Massif of the Western Caucasus. Hear of the adventure first-hand, and experience "The Call of the Abyss."

[[more info](#) | [Krubera Cave](#)]



Jack Schmitt

All-Convention Luncheon:

Questions about the Earth the Moon Told Us to Ask

Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, geologist, *Apollo 17* astronaut, and former Senator

Monday, 6 Oct., noon-1:15 p.m., Hilton, Ballroom of the Americas ABC

[[more info](#)]



Mary Emilee Holmes,
first woman GSA Fellow
(1889).

Luncheon cosponsored with SSSA-ASA-CSSA:

Generational Perspectives of Women Scientists

Mary Lou Zoback, Vice President of Risk Management Solutions, and Brenda Buck, University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Photo: Mary Emilee Holmes (1850-1906), the first woman Fellow of GSA.

Tuesday, 7 Oct., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hilton, Lanier Grand Ballroom AB

[[more info](#)]



James Hansen

Special Lecture:

Target Atmospheric CO₂: Where Should Humanity Aim?

James E. Hansen, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies

Tuesday, 7 Oct., noon-1:15 p.m., Convention Center, General Assembly Theater B

[[read abstract](#) | [Time article on Hansen, written by Al Gore](#)]



Doone Wyborn

Special Lecture:

Enhanced Geothermal Systems, the Earth's Non-Fossil-Fuel Energy Bounty

Doone Wyborn, Executive Director, Geodynamics Limited

Tuesday, 7 Oct., 7-8 p.m., Convention Center, Room 351BE

[[more info](#)]

Forums:

Understanding Evolution: A Public Forum

Experts present the geologic evidence for evolution and explain the nature of science for the general public.

Tuesday, 7 Oct., 7-9 p.m., Convention Center, General Assembly Theater B

[[more info](#)]



Evolution in the Classroom: A Teacher Forum

A special session for educators with experts in the field of paleontology, evolution, and geology will help educators better understand and teach the theory of evolution.

Saturday, 4 Oct., 1-4:30 p.m., Convention Center, General Assembly Theater B

[[more info](#)]



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GSA Divisions Highlights



GSA's 17 Divisions are participating in the meeting — Find out how:

Archaeological Geology	Geology & Society	Limnogeology
Coal Geology	Geophysics	Planetary Geology
Engineering Geology	Geoscience Education	Quaternary Geology & Geomorphology
Geoinformatics	History of Geology	Sedimentary Geology
Geobiology & Geomicrobiology	Hydrogeology	Structural Geology & Tectonics
Geology and Health	International	

We invite you to visit **Division Row** in the Exhibit Hall during the meeting.

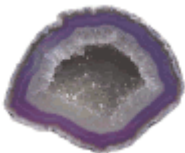
GSA Associated Societies Highlights



More than a dozen GSA Associated Societies are participating in the 2008 Joint Annual Meeting. Here's just a taste of what you have to look forward to:

American Geological Institute	The Mineralogical Society of America
Association for Women Geoscientists	National Association of Geoscience Teachers
Clay Minerals Society	The National Cave and Karst Research Institute
Cushman Foundation	Paleontological Research Institute
Geochemical Society	The Paleontological Society
Geoscience Information Society	Soil Science Society of America

Exhibit Hall



This year's geoscience exposition offers a unique variety of more than 400 vendors across the earth sciences and in every employment sector. Be sure to allow some time in your busy schedule to stop by and browse the booths.

[[exhibitor index](#) | [exhibitor floor plan](#)]

GSA Headquarters Services Area

Browse the GSA Bookstore in the Exhibit Hall

You'll find books addressing diverse topics — from geologic repositories ([REG019](#)) to meteorite impacts ([SPE437](#)) to excursions along the Ohio River Valley ([FLD012](#)). Find out what your colleagues have discovered during their studies, and shop for soap rocks, children's books, hats, pocket-sized time scales, stickers, and chocolate "rock" candy!

Don't Miss the Book Signing Event!

Sunday, 5 Oct., 7-9 p.m. — Stop by, meet our [guest authors](#), and have your books signed!

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Stop by the GSA Membership Booth in the GSA Headquarters Area in the Exhibit Hall to chat with GSA staff, find out what's new, and join or renew your membership for 2009.

GSA Foundation Silent Auction

The Foundation's Silent Auction is a wonderful opportunity for you to support GSA and bid on a number of prized items!

Did you know?

GSA members save up to US\$3300 on a new Subaru through the [Subaru VIP program](#). Visit Subaru's booth (no. 739, just off the GSA Headquarters Services area) to learn more about their newest vehicles.

Especially for Students



Division Events

- **History of Geology Division**
Student and Friends Reception, Tues., 7 Oct., 5-7 p.m., Hilton, Room 335B
- **Hydrogeology Division**
Student Reception, Tues., 7 Oct., 5:45-7:00 p.m., Hilton, Lanier Grand Ballroom K
- **Limnogeology Division**
Kerry Kelts Student Research Awards, Convention Center, Room 351CF, Mon., 6 Oct., 5:45 p.m.
- **Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division**
[US\\$60 scholarship](#) for up to 15 students for the Kirk Bryan Field Trip (Trip #420), Tues., 7 Oct.
- **Sedimentary Geology Division**
Ten [US\\$100 scholarships](#) to Division student members who attend GSA field trips at the annual meeting.

Mentor Programs

- **Women in Geology**
Sun., 5 Oct., noon-1:30 p.m., Hilton, Lanier Grand Ballroom A
- **Geology in Government**
Mon., 6 Oct., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hilton, Ballroom of the Americas F
- **Geology in Industry**
Tues., 7 Oct., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hilton, Ballroom of the Americas A

Other Student Events

- **Presidents' Student Breakfast Reception**
Sun., 5 Oct., 7-8:30 a.m., Hilton, Ballroom of the Americas ABC
- **Graduate Student Mixer**
Sun., 5 Oct., 8:30-10:30 p.m., Hilton, Lanier Grand Ballroom A
- **Graduate Student Lounge**
Exhibit Hall — Refreshments at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

More Student Job Opportunities and Activities!

[[AAPG/SEG Student Expo](#)]

Government Affairs



Communicating with Congress

Sunday, 5 Oct., 12:15-1:30 p.m., Convention Center, Room 310CF
Learn how to communicate effectively about science with your elected representatives. This workshop will cover what to do - and just as important - what not to do.

Congressional Science Fellows Panel Discussion and Reception

Tuesday, 7 Oct., 5:30-7:30 p.m., Convention Center, Room 310BE
You are invited to meet our Congressional Science Fellows and discuss their experience working at the interface between science and public policy on Capitol Hill.

National Science Foundation Poster Session

Wednesday, 8 Oct., 4-6 p.m., Convention Center, Exhibit Hall E

Geology and Public Policy Booth

Members of the GSA Geology and Public Policy Committee will be on hand at Booth 110 in the Exhibit Hall to discuss how you can help implement GSA Position Statements on such topics as climate change, natural hazards, and teaching evolution.

GSA Employment Service Center & SSSA-ASA-CSSA Career Placement Center

Bringing Job Seekers & Employers Together



Sunday, 5 Oct., 10 am-5 pm
Monday, 6 Oct., 8 am-5 pm
Tuesday, 7 Oct., 8 am-5 pm
Convention Center, George R. Bush Grand Ballroom AB

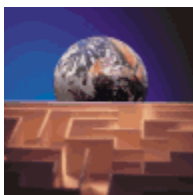


FREE rsum posting for all GSA and SSSA-ASA-CSSA Members!

Students: [Learn more](#) in the "Especially for Students" section.

Also of interest: [Career development workshops and seminars.](#)

Logistics and Information



Questions? We've got answers!

[[Meeting Web site](#)]



Shuttle Service

We will provide shuttle service between the official Joint Annual Meeting Hotels and the George R. Brown Convention Center. Shuttle hours will be posted at each hotel and at the Convention Center; tentative details are online.

Housing

Changes and cancellations can be made online; cancellations received after 2 Sept. will be assessed a US\$25 fee. Please use the Houston Housing Bureau for all changes and cancellations until 25 Sept. 2008; after that date, contact the hotel directly.

Guest Hospitality Suite & Seminars

Complimentary to registered guests. Come, take a look, and even register on-site for the guest program!

Field Trips

Many field trips are still open. We encourage you to take this opportunity to explore classic field locations and learn about ground-breaking research in the region.

Short Courses

There's still time to sign up and take advantage of the variety and depth of short courses at this year's meeting.

Student Volunteers

We still have jobs open - Earn free meeting registration by volunteering for 10 hours!

Graduate School Information Forum

Space is still available for your booth on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Take this opportunity to promote your school to over 2,500 students!

Alumni Receptions

Over 31 schools are participating in the Group Alumni Reception on Monday, 6 Oct., 7-9:30 p.m. in the Hilton Ballroom of Americas ABC, and over 55 private alumni receptions will take place Sun.-Tues., 5-7 Oct., at various times in the evening. Look for the Alumni Flier on-site with a complete update of all schools participating.



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