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The *Environmental Geosciences* journal becomes part of the *AAPG Bulletin*.

The American Association of Petroleum Geology (AAPG) has a long history as a proactive organization focused on advancing geology, especially as it relates to petroleum, natural gas, other subsurface fluids, and mineral resources. As part of this focus, AAPG supports the vital role that AAPG geoscientists play in improving the human condition while minimizing environmental impacts as our members tackle the energy transition's immense challenges. To this end, future issues of the *Environmental Geosciences* journal are becoming part of the *AAPG Bulletin*.

Commencing in 2021, future issues of the AAPG Division of Environmental Geoscience's (DEG) publication in the *Environmental Geosciences* journal will become part of the *AAPG Bulletin*. This move aims to strengthen AAPG and DEG's focus on the principles of conservation, efficiency, and sustainable development. *Environmental Geosciences*, first published in 1994, promotes environmental stewardship from a geological perspective, applying our understanding of geological, geochemical, geophysical, and hydrogeological principles and methodologies to environmental issues and performance. The DEG Editor will prepare a yearly special issue of the *AAPG Bulletin* dedicated to environmental geosciences. The AAPG Editor and the DEG Editor will collaborate on publishing additional articles in the *AAPG Bulletin*. The DEG Editor will continue to be responsible for reviews and manuscript acceptance. This publication consolidation aims to strengthen AAPG's mission to promote the technology of exploring for, finding, and producing sources of energy and mineral resources in an economically and environmentally sound manner that are fundamental to sustainable development.

2020 DEG AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 DEG Awards Recipients are Shining Examples of What DEG Represents

Every year nominations roll in for DEG awards to honor leading geoscientists who represent the key foundations of what DEG represents. From exemplary presentations at the annual convention to outstanding outreach and research, the award recipients are highlighted in this article.

DEG Best Poster Award: This award is presented to the author for the best poster presentation in any DEG sponsored session at the annual meeting of AAPG, as selected by session judges. This year's recipient is **Brandon Nuttal** and co-authors for their poster "*Explorations in TOC for Assessment of CO₂ Storage and Enhanced Gas Recovery for the Middle Devonian Marcellus and Upper Ordovician Utica Shales for the Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership*"

DEG Best Paper Award: This award is presented to the author(s) of the best paper oral presentation in any DEG sponsored session at the annual AAPG, as selected by session judges. This year has two recipients: **Peter Hennings** for his presentation "*The Geology of Active Earthquake Sequences in Texas*", and to **Autumn Haagsma** for her presentation "*Regional Characterization of an Oil-Bearing Reef Complex for Factors Affecting Assessment of Associated CO₂ Storage*"

DEG Past-President's Award: This award is presented to a past president to recognize a year of dedicated, energetic service to the DEG. This year's recipient is **Mary Barrett** for her strong leadership during the 2018-2019 term.

Certificate of Merit: This award is presented for outstanding contribution to and meritorious service for the betterment of the DEG and its membership. Two recipients were selected this year: **Olga Popova** for her outstanding contributions to DEG and the journal, and to **Dan Jackson** for his continued leadership and contributions to DEG.

Honorary Membership: This award is presented for those persons who have distinguished themselves by their service and devotion to the science and profession of environmental geoscience and to the Division. This year's recipient is **Kristin Carter** who has won multiple certificates of merit, was on past leadership teams, and stays actively involved in environmental related work and research.

DEG Corporate Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship: This award is presented to a business or organization which has demonstrated stewardship through proactively and creatively integrating and harmonizing environmental, economic, and social factors in its business strategies, operations, and actions. This prestigious award is presented to **EnergySource Minerals** for their innovative process to reuse and capture critical minerals, such as lithium, from waste developed at a geothermal plant.

DEG Teaching Award: This award is presented for excellence and dedication in the field of teaching environmental geology and/or related subjects. This year's recipient is **Timothy Carr** from West Virginia University for his energy resource research and environmental protection in unconventional production and CO₂ storage. Tim has been highly rated by his students and peers.

DEG Research Award: This award is presented for contributions and achievements in the field of environmental and/or geoenvironmental research. This year's recipient is **Neeraj Gupta** for his outstanding contributions through more than 20 years of CCUS research, both nationally and internationally.

DEG Public Outreach Award: This award is presented for efforts and accomplishments in projecting, promoting, and presenting environmental concerns and subjects to the public-at-large. Two recipients were selected this year: **Victor Ramirez** for public outreach to bring awareness for the need to minimize environmental impact of petroleum related activities, and **Iain Stewart** for his numerous science programs and commitment to making geology accessible to the public.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients and thank you for your contributions and dedication to the environmental geosciences!

For more information about DEG awards, please visit <https://www.aapg.org/about/aapg/overview/honors-and-awards/deg>. If you know someone deserving of an award for their environmental contributions, please submit nominations for 2021 awards.

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