

Welcome to the SMU Geothermal Lab newsletter for November. Hello to new members! This month we have news on our next conference along with congratulations to new geothermal leaders at the Geothermal Technologies Office and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

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**Cathy Chickering Pace** moderated the session "Heating Up: Distributed Generation and the Geothermal Market" at the recent TREIA GridNEXT conference in Houston, Texas. **Loy Sneary** of Gulf Coast Green Energy and **Marian Higgins** of TAMU both presented with Cathy. More information:

<http://www.treia.org/conference/>.

Good luck to **Ben Phrampus** on his PhD thesis defense on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>. His thesis is titled Gas Hydrates as a Proxy for Contemporary Climate Change & Shallow Heat Flow on the US East Coast & North Slope of Alaska.

**Joe Batir** and **Cathy Chickering Pace** will be on the [Shootin' the Breeze](#) radio show on Saturday November 21 and Saturday November 28 at 9:00 AM on Talk Radio 1190 AM. We will post audio to our website once it is available.

### Geothermal News and Notes

*Congratulations* to **Dr. Susan Hamm** who has been appointed Acting Director of the Geothermal Technologies Office. Dr. Hamm will lead the Office's overall strategic, technical, and project oversight of cutting-edge technologies designed to advance geothermal as a key contributor to the U.S. energy portfolio. Learn more about the Geothermal Technologies Office at <http://energy.gov/eere/geothermal/about>.

*Congratulations* to **Henry (Bud) Johnston**, the new Laboratory Program Manager for the Geothermal Technologies Program at the

## Calendar

**December 1-2, 2015 - Oil and Gas Environmental Conference**, Dallas, Texas. More information: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2015-oil-gas-environmental-conference/event-summary-bc32658d824743ae8058d37f55a9a766.aspx>.

**December 8-10, 2015 – PowerGen**, Las Vegas, Nevada. More information: <http://www.power-gen.com/index.html>.

**December 9-10, 2015 – NAPE**, Denver, Colorado. More information: <http://napeexpo.com/shows/about-the-show/denver>.

**February 16 - 19, 2016 - UT Energy Week**, Austin, Texas. More information: <http://energyweek.utexas.edu/>.

**February 22-24, 2016 - Stanford Geothermal Workshop**, Stanford, California. More information: <https://earth.stanford.edu/researchgroups/geothermal/stanford-geothermal-workshop>.

**April 25-26, 2016 – SMU Geothermal Lab** : **Geothermal Energy in Oil and Gas Fields** conference and workshop, SMU Campus in Dallas, Texas. We are looking for [sponsors](#) and [speakers](#). More information: <http://www.smu.edu/Dedman/Academics/Programs/GeothermalLab/Conference>.