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NEWSLETTER

Latest news and events happening in AAPGWN

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AAPG/SPE Potential Merger

A conversation with AAPG President Gretchen Gillis

At the last AAPGWN All-Members meeting, Gretchen spoke about the successful collaboration between AAPG and SPE, why a merger is being explored, visions for the new organization, and the process/timeline for the merger. Internationally, AAPG members seem enthusiastic about the merger, as do the younger members. There are still some people that are concerned about where their interest fits into the combined organization.

According to Gretchen, merging AAPGWN and the equivalent group in SPE will not be handled in the "components" discussions. Susan Howes said that one of the SPE disciplines is Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability. Gretchen confirmed that the environmental science section would be available in the new organization and also included with sustainability.

Several members spoke up in support of the merger and its focus on energy during the meeting.

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Upcoming events

Webinar series

October 27th

"Our Evolving Geoscience World: How are academic departments responding?"

This panel discussion will feature *Dr. Camelia Knapp* (Oklahoma State University), *Dr. Claudia Mora* (Jackson School of Geosciences, UT Austin), and *Dr. Paul Bierman* (University of Vermont).

December 2021

Talk featuring Dr. Rebecca Dodge. More information coming soon.

"Geology of... " series

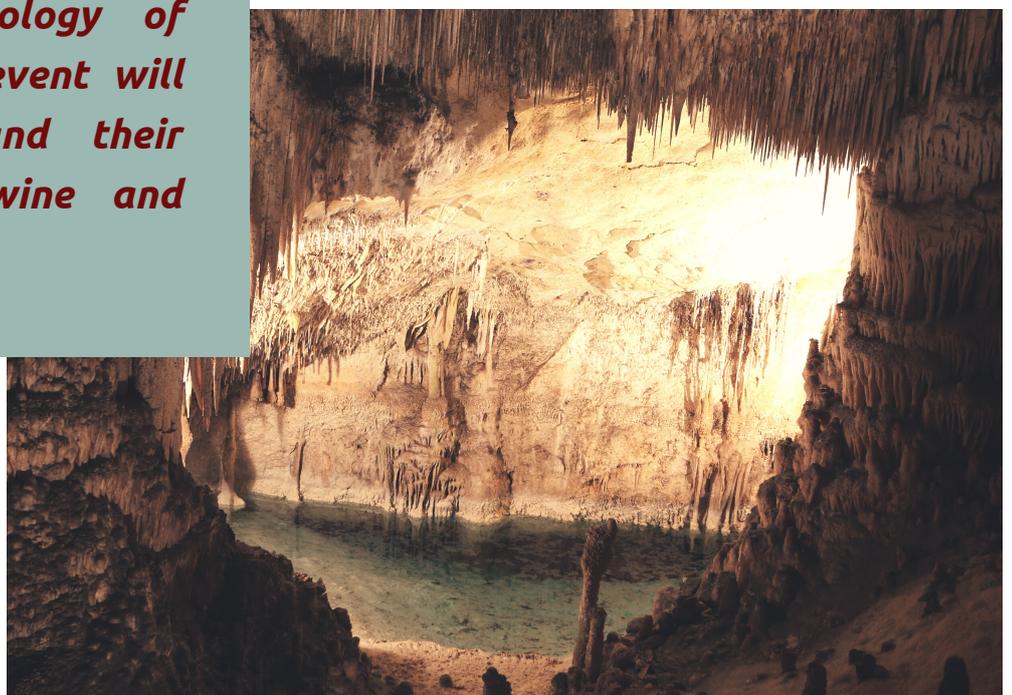
The Geology of Wine and Cheese - This event will focus on caves and their impact on aging cheese and wine. This virtual eating and drinking event will be held on November 12 at 4 pm CST. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please contact aapgwn@gmail.com.

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Here's what AAPGWN is working on for IMAGE, **Sept. 26-Oct. 1:**

- **Geochemistry Short Course** - This virtual two-day short course (Saturday and Sunday) will focus on an introduction to geochemistry toolkit.
- **AAPGWN & SEGWN Special Session: Resilience, Tapping into our Passions in Order to Persevere** - On Monday, unique stories from four individuals will be featured in this virtual session.
- **Networking event** - Virtual event to be held Monday evening.
- **AAPGWN Luncheon** - "Picture a scientist" movie with two speakers for Q&A on Tuesday. This is planned as an in-person event but virtual options are in the works. \$30 for in-person attendance.
- **AAPGWN Special Session: Achieving Gender, Ethnic, and Racial Equality in Professional Geoscience**- This virtual event will be held in collaboration with other organizations on Wednesday.



Past events

Webinar series

On June 22, Professor *Clemencia Gómez* presented "**One Geologist Per Region**," an initiative to ensure at least one geoscientist is present in each municipality in Colombia to develop a geological culture and improve the quality of life. This Spanish/English bilingual event was a big success. The link to the YouTube recording of the webinar is available [HERE](#).

Student Initiative

A panel discussion was held on June 29th on the topic of "**Transitioning from Student to Professional**." Panelists included Stefano Mazzoni, Peace Eze, Fola Kolawole, and Ursala Hammes. Moones Alamooti moderated the event. The organizers hope to engage more students in future events through a survey of student interests.

"Geology of... " series

The "**Geology of Beer**" event on August 20th had record-breaking attendance of 536. Participants heard from three panelists and sampled four different beers. Thanks to *Midwest GeoSciences Group* for their collaboration. A recording of the event is located [HERE](#).

Geology of Beer

- Importance of Regional Geology
 - Water...particularly water chemistry
 - Beer flavors depend on environmental factors affecting water cations/salts
 - Limestone or metamorphic rocks?
 - Sandstone or Precambrian metamorphic rocks?
- Climate
 - Barley and grain qualities
 - Hop characteristics affected by climate
 - Fermentation, Conditioning (Ripening), and Serving temperatures
- Ambient, Local Yeast and Bacteria Strains

Slide by E. Herrmann

Ongoing Initiatives

- **Mentoring Program:** This program facilitates one-on-one mentoring relationships connecting mentees with mentors in the geoscience community. Mentoring helps you to expand networks, gain new knowledge and insights and build new skills. Connections can be held virtual or face-to-face. Application deadline extended to Sept. 10. Anyone can apply to be a mentor. Both male and female mentees will be accepted and male mentees will be paired with female mentors. Learn more [HERE](#).



- **Addressing Energy Transition:** Members discussed the energy transition at the All-Member meeting and brainstormed ways that we can contribute to this important topic, including potential collaboration with other ongoing AAPG initiatives. If you have ideas, please contact aapgwn@gmail.com.
- **AAPGWN Co-chair Election:** Ali Sloan was elected to the AAPGWN co-chair position in the recent election.