



AIPG GEORGIA SECTION

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May 2011

NEXT MEETING

WATER FALLS OF FANNIN COUNTY

When: Saturday, June 25, 2011, 10:00 AM

Where: Meet in the parking lot at McDonalds at northwest intersection of Georgia Highway 515 and Georgia Highway 5 &, Blue Ridge, GA

AIPG Members and guests call or email by Wednesday June 22, 2011, if you plan to attend
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This has been our busiest spring that we have ever had. That's a pretty bold statement but it is true. Members attended two career nights at our two student chapters. In the last newsletter I mentioned our career night at Georgia State University and in April Eric and I attended a career night at University of West Georgia. During the evening I presented Ashley White her student membership plaque and scholarship. Also in April I visited University of Georgia where I was able to sit down with Dr. Sandra Wyld, student advisor for the undergraduates, and explained to her the importance of licensing for geologists and Dr. Wyld immediately added that information to the department's web site.

We visited Columbus State University, Berry College, and Valdosta State University where we installed a monitoring well for the future use of the each of the departments. Jim Fineis, president of Atlas Geo-Sampling Company, volunteered his geoprobe rig to demonstrate drilling and proper soil and groundwater sampling. Without Jim's help this would not have been possible. Sam Almaee helped lead the discussion of soil and groundwater sampling at Columbus State and Valdosta State. Eric Mosley took on the same duties at Berry College. While at Columbus State, we met Bryan Victor and presented him with his membership plaque and scholarship. We gave each of the students a notebook of information on soil description, well completion, soil and groundwater sampling and examples of typical field forms used by environmental consultants. After the Valdosta State University demonstration Sam Almaee drove to Georgia Southwestern State University and presented Shaunna Morrison her membership plaque and scholarship.

AIPG Conference April 19-20:

This was by far our most successful conference and we hope to continue the high quality of speakers and exhibitors in the future. We added few extra speakers this year with a total of 21 speakers with almost half attending from out of state. We had a few last minute changes in our exhibitors but ended with a total of 20. We surpassed our previous high in registered attendance with approximately 120 and a total attendance of 160 including speakers and exhibitors. As part of registration, a memory stick with all the presentations was give to each registrant. I'd like to thank Eric Lowe, Glen Faulkner and Yo Sumartojo for their help in putting this altogether. You can go to AIPGs home page, where there is a link to all our exhibitors and sponsors and a link to the web sites of our exhibitors. Please consider using their services.

AIPG Foundation:

You will read more about the AIPG Foundation in the upcoming TPG but the AIPG Foundation is reorganizing and the current foundation members voted to award our section with \$4,000.00 and awarded our student chapter at Georgia State University with a check for \$10,000.00.

Drilling and sampling demonstrations:



Jim Fineis instructing students and professors on drilling at Columbus State University



Eric Mosley describing soil sampling at Berry College



Sam Almae taking water level at Valdosta State University

Georgia Section Conference



Attendees talking in the exhibition hall



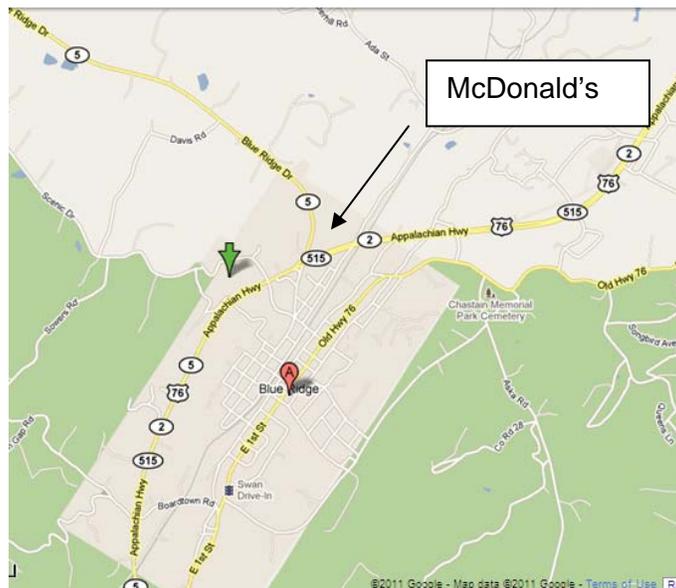
Sam Almae presenting Shaunna Morrison with her student membership plaque and scholarship.

UPCOMING MEETING

The past summers we have had fun outings with members and their families and friends to visit different great state parks or other locations in north Georgia. This outing will continue this new tradition. Plan to bring a picnic lunch and some good hiking shoes. Our Section will provide extra water and soft drinks. We will meet in Blue Ridge at the McDonald's, which is located at the northwest intersection of Georgia Highway 5 and Georgia Highway 515. At the traffic light turn left and McDonald's will be immediately on your right. Depending on the number of cars we may caravan and park a few of the cars in the Blue Ridge area. We are still in the planning stage but plan to visit three or four water falls.

FROM ATLANTA

Go north on I-575 which turns to Highway 5 and GA Highway 515 through Jasper, Ellijay and ends in Blue Ridge.



Blue Ridge, GA

OTHER ORGANIZATION'S MEETINGS

If members are in other organization and know of meetings or field trips that our members may be interested in, please contact Eric Lowe at 678-244-5043 or Ron Wallace at 404-362-2589.

Atlanta Geological Society

Speaker – Ron Wallace Georgia Section AIPG President

Energy Use: What Are We Using? Where Do We Get It?

Tuesday May 31, 2011

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting

At Fernbank Museum of Natural History

767 Clifton Rd., NE

Atlanta, GA 30307

Georgia Ground Water Association

Speaker – Ronit Erlitzky, NOAZ Sourcing, Ltd. Co.

Necessity Spurs Innovation – Israeli Water Technology

Friday May 20, 2011

12:00 pm

At GAWP office, Marietta

1655 Enterprise Way SE

Marietta, GA 30067

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NEXT MEETING:

"Necessity spurs Innovation" - Israeli water technology

Speaker: Ronit Erlitzky, President and Co-founder, NOAZ Sourcing, Ltd. Co.

When: Friday, May 20, 2011, 12 Noon

Where: GAWP Office, Marietta, GA

(Directions to the meeting may be found at the following website link: <http://gawponline.org/index.php>)

RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, MAY 19TH

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Meeting Topic

Coping with continuous water shortage and adopting sustainable water management programs should include solid technologies. Facing the challenge to provide high quality potable water for so many years, Israel has emerged as a global leader in developing water technologies and is often nicknamed "The Silicon Valley" of water technologies.

Nowadays, more than ever, not only do the words "innovative technology" include the obvious expectation from the technologies to "deliver," but also to be environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient. It seems that Israeli large water companies, as well as entrepreneurs were able to craft an impressive collection of innovative solutions for existing and global challenges to provide adequate amounts of high quality water for different purposes: seawater and brackish water purification, irrigation, automatic metering, waste water treatment and recycling, drinking water remediation, storage, distribution, monitoring of water safety and security, and cost effective water project engineering.

Biographical Sketch

Ronit, born and raised in Israel, has over 12 years experience in basic biomedical research in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology, dedicating her time to study the interaction between nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) and regulatory proteins. Ronit and her partner, Mr. Bob Feinberg, own a business development company, NOAZ Sourcing, that provides a wide range of marketing and business development services, assisting Israeli companies in bringing advanced water treatment technologies to the United States.

Ronit earned her PhD degree in Medical Sciences from The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.

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