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Geothermal energy and the dissemination of information: the role of the International Geothermal Association

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Abstract

The International Geothermal Association (IGA), founded on 6 July 1988, is an international, worldwide, non-profit and non-governmental association whose objective and mission is to promote the research and utilization of geothermal resources, through the compilation, publication, and dissemination of scientific and technical data and information. The Information Committee (IC) of the IGA is responsible for advising the IGA Board on policies concerned with the collection, compilation, publication, exchange and dissemination of geothermal information, including information on utilization, development, technical findings, scientific research, meetings, publications and Association activities. The Committee is also responsible for the implementation of information policies determined by the Board.

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1. Introduction

The IGA is a scientific, educational and cultural organization established to operate worldwide. Its main objective is to encourage the research, development and utilization of geothermal resources worldwide through the compilation, publication and dissemination of scientific and technical data and information, both within the community of geothermal specialists and between geothermal specialists and the

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general public. It is in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and a Partner of the European Union for Renewable Energies.

Of the various Committees of the Association, the Information Committee (IC) is in charge of advising the IGA Board on policies concerned with the collection, compilation, publication, exchange and dissemination of geothermal information, including information on utilization, development, technical findings, scientific research, meetings, publications and Association activities. The Committee is also responsible for the implementation of information policies determined by the Board. The activities of the IC include the soliciting of articles and news for the IGA Newsletter, published quarterly, and its editorial coordination, with the aim of providing timely general information on geothermal matters to the geothermal community and the public at large; the IC has also set up and is currently running an IGA website on the Internet, where visitors can find a wealth of information on the Association in general, as well as sectors on geothermal energy, its distribution worldwide, and its various forms of utilization. The website also provides updated info on the major geothermal conferences and congresses, particularly the events organized by the IGA. There is also a long list of links to geothermal energy-related topics, organizations and companies.

Finally, the IC produces leaflets and brochures for publicity purposes, directed at obtaining new members, and informing the public at large of the nature and benefits of geothermal energy.

2. Activities

The IGA is active in the dissemination of geothermal information, the organization of scientific and technical exchanges and meetings, and the promotion of specialist and non-specialist geothermal-related courses, including the publication of relevant manuals.

A World Geothermal Congress, sponsored by the IGA, is held every five years. The most recent World Geothermal Congress (WGC2000) was held in Japan in June 2000, and attended by 1800 participants. In 1995 the World Congress took place in Florence, with 1451 participants. The proceedings of these congresses are edited and published by the Association. The next World Geothermal Congress is scheduled to be held in Turkey in 2005.

A General Meeting is held annually, and preferably in concomitance with an international geothermal conference or meeting. In the past the AGM has been organised in Italy (Larderello, 1989; Pisa, 1998 and 2000), the USA (Kona, Hawaii, 1990; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1994; Lakeport, California, 1997; Reno, Nevada, 1999), Mexico (Cuernavaca and Guadalajara, 1996), Iceland (Reykjavik, 1992), New Zealand (Auckland, 1993, 1995 and 2002), and Turkey (Izmir, 2001).

The IGA Newsletter (*IGA News*) is published four times a year. It provides general information on geothermal matters, and lists the main congresses and courses; it is mailed out to all IGA members.

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