

NYSCPG and Midwest Geosciences Continuing Education Course

The October 29/30, 2019 Continuing Education (CE) Course *Modern Technologies and Emerging Techniques for Assessing Complex Hydrogeologic Systems* hosted by the NYSCPG and led by Midwest GeoSciences Group was a great success. Thank you to our instructors:

- Maureen Muldoon, Ph.D. - Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey;
- David J. Hart, Ph.D. - Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey;
- Jeffrey T. Pietras, Ph.D. - SUNY Binghamton;
- Edwin A. Romanowicz, Ph.D. - SUNY Plattsburgh; and,
- Daniel Kelleher, PG, CIPM - Midwest GeoSciences Group

Overall, 47 professionals attended the CE course. We thank AEG NY-Philly Chapter (Jim Peterson, Chair) and Castleton Environmental Geologic Services, DPC (Frank P. Castellano, President) for their sponsorship of this first-time event. Each participant received a robust 318-page workbook summarizing a series of lectures, exercises, and technical discussions dedicated to improve the hydrogeologic assessment of fractured bedrock. Each day was chock-full of active interfacing between the instructors and registrants – a healthy sign of interesting presentations and an engaged group.

Currently, the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists is working on revising the current regulatory standards to the CE requirements to ensure consistency and promote competency and ethics. A CE program is still being discussed with all stakeholders (NYS Education Department, sister professions [Engineers, Surveyors], etc.). The timeframe for the legislation to be passed is unknown at this time, but NYSCPG will continue to update our members and other Professional Geologists of progress as it occurs. The subject 2-day CE course was primarily offered as a benefit to our members and those of regional geologic societies (BAPG, CNYPG, HMPGA, and LIAPG) that may have CE requirements in other states (PA and NH for example) as well as to sister professional organizations such as AIPG-NE, AEG-NE, AEG NY-Philly, ESWWDA, LSPA (MA), EPOC (CT), LSRPA (NJ), etc. After all, a significant component of our mission is to facilitate CE (promoting ethics, competency, and skill development/maintenance), networking opportunities, awareness, and training to our members enabling them to be more effective in their career. Based on our review of the feedback from completed course evaluation forms, the October CE course was very much appreciated by the attending geoscientists and environmental professionals that represented a wide variety of practice disciplines.

Thank You,

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