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AGI to Co-chair Session at 2010 AGU Fall Meeting

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) will be co-chairing a session with the YES Network at the 2010 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting (13-17 December 2010) on creating professional development resources for early-career geoscientists.

This session aims to address the low percentage of geoscience graduates that transition successfully into the profession. National Science Foundation data indicates that approximately 14 percent of all geoscience graduates work in the core geoscience profession, and another 22 percent work in closely-aligned disciplines. With approximately 50 percent of the current workforce expected to retire within the next 10 to 15 years, there is a critical need for establishing professional development resources that will boost the flow of geoscience graduates into the profession.

AGU abstracts submissions are currently being accepted and the last day for submissions will be September 2, 2010. To submit your abstract to this session, please search for session ED27: Creating Professional Development Resources for Early-Career Geoscientists.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 47 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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