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AGI Announces Peter Scholle as its 2009 President

The American Geological Institute is pleased to announce Dr. Peter A. Scholle as its new President. He will be inducted on October 7, 2008 at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Houston, Texas.

Scholle, the current State Geologist of New Mexico received his B.S. in geology from Yale University and his M.S. and Ph.D. in geology from Princeton University. He was the recipient a Fulbright Fellowship and attended the University of Munich and also spent time at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Scholle began his career at the Cities Service Oil and Research Lab. From there he became an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. He spent many years working for the U.S. Geological Survey in both Reston, Virginia and Denver, Colorado. Scholle was Chief Scientist for Carbonates at Gulf Research Company. He also served as the Albritton Professor of Geology at Southern Methodist University. Scholle began working for the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources in 1999.

Besides his involvement with AGI, Scholle is a Geological Society of America Fellow, has held several leadership positions for the Association of American State Geologists including President for the 2005-2006 term, and has been involved in numerous committees and held leadership positions at SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) and was Treasurer of the American Geological Institute from 2003-2005.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 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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