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AGI Hosts Expanded Access to the 2009 YES Congress

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) successfully hosted the virtual component of the first Young Earth-Scientist (YES) Congress held in Beijing, China October 25-28 in an effort to expand the opportunity for participation to young scientists from around the world. Over 200 individuals from 31 countries took advantage of this unique opportunity to participate, even without attending in person in Beijing.

AGI, one of the U.S. supporters of the YES Congress, hosted and coordinated webinars that allowed attendees to watch roundtable presentations live both in Beijing and presented by speakers over the Internet on subjects such as natural resources and earth science education, ask questions of the speakers, and give feedback on the subjects being discussed. As a service to the geosciences community, AGI recorded all presentations and will be hosting them via the 2009 YES Congress website <http://www.yescongress2009.org/>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 46 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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