

HUBBERT QUORUM 2008 ANNOUNCEMENT -- Sunday December 14th - Please respond by October 15.

We invite you to attend the 16th annual Hubbert Quorum on crustal fluids on the Sunday (Dec. 14th) preceding AGU in San Francisco (Dec. 15-19). The purpose of this one-day meeting is to bring together hydrogeologists and geoscientists who are interested in geologic processes associated with crustal fluids. We hope that continuing the Hubbert Quorum will enable an informal group of natural-process-oriented scientists to freely exchange ideas on an annual basis. Frequently these researchers work on topics that have application to fields outside of hydrology such as fault mechanics, volcanology, and economic geology. Each year the Hubbert Quorum has been fully subscribed (<http://www.wrcamnl.wr.usgs.gov/hydrotherm/Hubbert.htm>).

The Quorum is an all-day affair beginning at 11:00 AM and adjourning at 6:00 PM. The meeting will comprise three components; an "icebreaker" brunch, two or three extended talks (20 minutes each plus 15-20 minutes for discussion), and several periods for short presentations by Quorum participants (10 minutes each plus 10 minutes for discussion). Our goal is to avoid the hectic pace of typical meetings by providing ample time for open discussion and questions during/following each presentation. All talks are intended to initiate discussion by presenting a stimulating "work in progress" rather than a canned talk. Topics for short presentations could include puzzles that might confound your colleagues or lead to a solution that you need in your own work.

If you would like to attend please contact Shaul Hurwitz (shaulh@usgs.gov) by October 15. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. We typically have room for about 40 participants. **If you would like to present**, please indicate your preference for the length of your time slot. We try to cover a range of topics and usually receive more requests for presentations than we can actually accommodate. We will notify the elected speakers in early November.

The 2008 Hubbert Quorum will be in the McKelvey Building at the USGS Menlo Park center. Weather permitting, we will serve brunch al fresco under the oak tree near the front of the McKelvey Building, then adjourn inside. The USGS will provide transportation to and from San Francisco before and after the meeting. An informal catered brunch is included in the meeting fee of \$10. Although specific plans have not been made, we encourage participants to adjourn to an informal dinner gathering following the meeting.

Once our participant list is finalized, we will contact you regarding the program and transportation. We hope to see you in December.

Please forward this notice to all interested parties and tell us who we missed on this email.

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