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President's Letter

Dear Membership,

Summer is coming to an end, the days are getting shorter and school activities are picking back up. This means projects are scrambling to finish and planning for the winter has begun. For me, this means major grants are due and classes need to be prepared. There are still things to look forward to before the weather gets too bad. Things I have to look forward to are last minute field trips and just enough sunshine to warm up the days. The start of fall also means that our luncheon speakers will resume, hopefully that is something you, as members, can look forward to.

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puns the funniest?*

*During the
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AAPG ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL, CHEYENNE, WYOMING
SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2019

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Great Scott! We are pushing the Future Back! Early bird registration for the AAPG-RMS Annual Meeting is being extended to Sept. 4!

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Website: <https://rmsaapg2019.com/>

AAPG Energy Minerals Division - Exploring New Energy Frontiers Chairmen: Edith Wilson & Peter Northrop
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Seeking: AAPG Representative



We are in need of a representative to the AAPG House of Delegates for 2019-2022. As the society's sole elected representative, the delegate shall attend the annual meeting at each year's ACE AAPG Conference.

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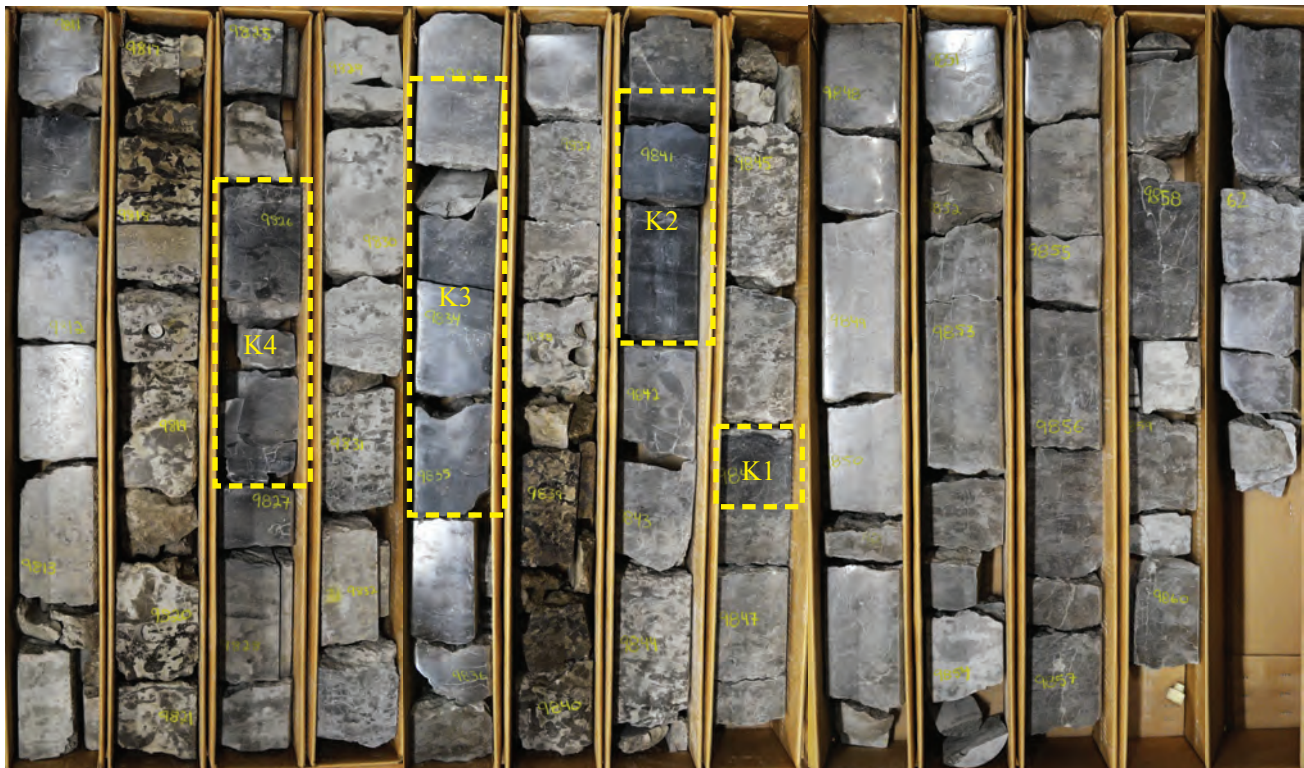
Registration Now Open!



2019 Williston Basin Core Workshop

North Dakota Geological Survey

*Wilson M. Laird Core and Sample Library
Grand Forks, North Dakota
October 7-8 & 9-10*



Dear Williston Basin geologists,

The North Dakota Geological Survey (NDGS) would like to invite petroleum geologists and related staff to our 2019 Williston Basin Core Workshop event this coming October. This event will be held in Grand Forks, North Dakota at the Wilson M. Laird Core and Sample Library. Two separate, two-day core workshop sessions (which cover the same material) will be offered on October 7-8 (Monday-Tuesday) and October 9-10 (Wednesday-Thursday). Each session will provide a walk-through of core samples and relevant geologic information covering many of the productive sedimentary units within the Williston Basin of North Dakota, in which 19 different formations have commercially produced hydrocarbons. Geologic maps and cross-sections will be combined with example cores to provide an overview of the stratigraphy and sedimentology of each unit.

While the content for each formation will vary, time will be taken to examine reservoir facies, petroleum source beds, and hydrocarbon seals in both core and wireline log examples. In addition to providing an overview of Williston Basin stratigraphy, this workshop will also: 1) review historical oil and gas plays, 2) discuss active plays across the basin, and 3) foster the development of new play concepts. Included is a tentative agenda for the workshop event with a list of the presenters.

The Wilson Laird Core and Sample Library (core library) was recently renovated and expanded in 2016. Over 455,000 feet (86.5 miles) of core, which has come primarily from oil and gas wells drilled across North Dakota during the past ~100 years, is stored and accessible at this facility. Several labs were added during the renovation/expansion and allow for multiple groups to visit the facility simultaneously. Usage of the labs and core access is free of charge, ideally with a lab reservation booked days to weeks (or months) in advance.

Registration for this event will open within the coming weeks and will be set at \$200/person. Registration proceeds will go towards providing lunch and refreshments for registrants during the workshop and covering travel costs for guest presenters (non-NDGS staff). Registrants will need to make their own travel arrangements (flights and hotels). Registration costs are relatively low because the primary purpose of this event is to gather geologists to examine and discuss core samples relevant to petroleum systems and exploration. Your time, interest, and participation in the event is our focus.

We hope that you will be able to join us this coming fall. Any feedback regarding your interest level and/or thoughts on the workshop content would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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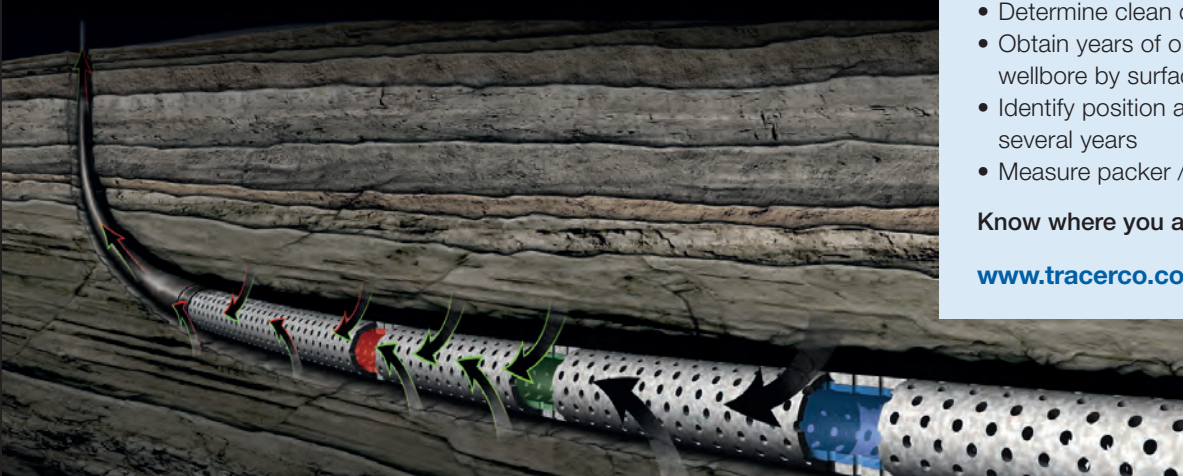
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