Dinner Meeting *Tuesday February 13th*

- The Quiet Cannon Restaurant
  901 North Via San Clemente
  Montebello

- Cost - $20.00 (Full-Time Students - Free)

- For reservations call by February 9th
  Marion (818) 889-0844 (Grover Hollingsworth & Assoc.)
  (Leave Your Name & Number of People in Your Party)

Make reservations by Noon on the Friday before the Meeting

- 5:30 Social Hour
- 6:45 Dinner
- 7:30 Announcements
- 8:00 Program
- 9:00 Section Affairs

**Program**

**TOPIC** The Role of Fire in Erosion Processes and Debris Flow Generation

**SPEAKER** Wade Wells, Hydrologist with the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Fire Research Laboratory at Riverside

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**MAP to Meeting**

- Atlantic Blvd.
- Calif Rt 60 Pomona Fwy
- Garfield Ave.

- To 710
- To 605

- Quiet Cannon Restaurant
- Via San Clemente

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2550 Beverly Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90057
Program
Topic & Speaker
The Role of Fire in Erosion Processes and Debris Flow Generation
Wade Wells

The “mudslides” and flooding that occur after fires in California and other parts of the western U.S. are generally the result of special conditions created by the fire which make hillslopes and watersheds extremely unstable and sensitive to even the mildest of storms. Most of the floods and “mudslides” are actually debris flows. These debris flows are common but poorly understood occurrences in many parts of the western U.S. In the past they have typically occurred in fairly remote areas and have caused little, if any, economic damage. As wild lands become increasingly urbanized, the problem of fires and flooding (the so-called fire-flood sequence) pose a more serious social and economic problem. Wade Wells has studied these debris flows for over ten years and will discuss some of his findings and opinions about the conditions and processes responsible for them.

Wade Wells is a research hydrologist at the U.S. Forest Service’s Forest Fire Laboratory in Riverside, California. One of his major research interests has been the fire-related debris flows and flooding that occurs in California and other parts of the western U.S. He holds two bachelor’s degrees from the U. of Idaho and a master’s degree from the U. of Arizona. He has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at U.C Riverside. He served on the team that investigated the 1983 floods, debris flows and landslides in Utah for the Committee on Natural Disasters, National Research Council (NRC), and on the Committee on Methodologies for Predicting Mudflow Areas, NRC. In addition, he has served as a consultant on geologic hazards associated with wildfires for several local firms and government agencies. He has been at the Forest Fire Laboratory since 1977.

Last month our speaker was R. K. Bob Canfield, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles. He is also the assistant to Shirley Mattingly, the Director of Emergency Preparedness for the City of Los Angeles. Bob Canfield spoke in lieu of Shirley Mattingly about the City’s role in the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR). He said one of the main roles this administrative office has is to keep in focus the potential for a number of natural disasters that may occur in our area and to plan for steps to be taken following the disasters. He also told of the many disasters that have occurred in the short history of the Los Angeles area which prompted the formation of the Emergency Preparedness office. As a result, the City of Los Angeles is better prepared to handle disasters. This planning is recognized as a good example to follow by many other communities throughout the world. It is why the City of Los Angeles is actively participating in the IDNDR. A key to the success of the Emergency Preparedness office is the organized practice through mock disaster drills, to maintain public awareness of potential disasters, and to have plans prepared for disasters, to be approved by our politicians. To the politicians and the public it is easy to lower the priority of the effects of a potential disaster before it occurs. Once it does occur, however, plans should be ready for funding and implementation.

We regret to report that Dr. George Heim died of a heart attack on December 22nd, 1989. At the time of the attack he was on a skiing trip with his family in Illinois. Dr. Heim was an outstanding engineering geologist and a credit to our profession. Mike Ploessl, with McClelland Consultants, announced that a scholarship fund for needy students in the name of Dr. Heim is set up. Contributions should be sent to

George E. Heim Memorial Fund
Gary Wheaton Bank
Attention: Lorraine Vanbuskirk
East Wesley North Cross
Wheaton, IL 60187

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee D18 on Soil and Rock held a symposium on Geotechnical Applications of Geophysics on June 29 in St. Louis, MO. Borehole geophysical specialists interested in evaluating the draft standard guide for this subject are invited to join/contact ASTM Committee D18 through Bob Morgan, ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1187 (215-299-5400).

According to a November 1989 notice from the California Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists, related to procedures for considering and issuing licenses, “Exams will be given only once a year in 1990 and 1991.” It is also interesting to note that the decision on exams, from the filing deadline date to the board decision date, has been taking longer in recent years. “...For example, in 1987, the board made a decision on the spring exam with 175 days, but for the December examination, 196 days were required before the board could make a decision. In 1988, the decision making time was 236 days. As the number of candidates climb, the correcting of exams take additional time. Based on the 875 candidates (1989), the board selected 330 days for its time

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period for reaching a decision. As additional data is collected, for the actual time needed for 1989 and 1990, the board will readjust it's time frames by amending the regulations." Therefore, examinees from 1989 should expect to be notified about their test about a year after they submitted their applications.

The Geology Alumni Assoc. from San Diego State Univ. (SDSU) will hold their 4th annual field trip on Feb. 23-25, in Painted Canyon. It is located about 5-1/2 miles northeast from the town of Mecca, and about 34 miles southeast from Palm Springs. Because there are no facilities you will have to bring everything you need. If you need additional information call Bill Elliott (619) 586-0870.

This is the last month the newsletter advertises for you to renew your annual fees. Please note that your local section fees operate the section's activities and the annual fees to International AEG do not help operate the section. Therefore, based upon the response we get from the returned mail you will simply be on or off the newsletter mailing list. If you have any questions about getting on the mailing list feel free to call the Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Kelly E. Rowe (714)474-9344 or (818)965-4048.

Eldon Gath, AEG ECS Vice Chairman, has planned in the next few months some more interesting speakers. In March Dave Jackson, from UCLA, will speak about California Earthquakes and Crustal Deformation: The Emerging Role of Geodetics.

As a result of the request in the newsletter last month, regarding predictions on precipitation in the next few months within the southern California area, David W. Popple, Supervising Engineering Geologist with the LA County DPW Land Development Division provided the following prediction. This prediction, weather forecast for the period from January to April, is from Pacific Weather Analysis, of Santa Barbara (805) 969-3354.

Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

“Based on a system of selective climatology there continues to be a trend toward higher probabilities in the “Dry” category for the January to April period. Simply stated, statistics show that when high pressure has persisted near the west coast during November and December with a lack of any strong mid latitude westerlies in the eastern Pacific, the remainder of the winter season is most likely to be below normal to normal.

Although Pacific westerlies do appear to be increasing at northern latitudes there is still no hint of a breakdown in the high off So. Calif. Most notable among recent years which have turned wet late in the season are 1962-63 and 1985-86. Both of these, however, were marked by very strong westerlies north of Hawaii. Best analogy years, though far from perfect, are 1976-77 and 1988-89.”

Although not totally unexpected, this pessimistic view certainly poses questions on how we can best deal with, what may be, a long-term trend. Based upon these conclusions, it is predicted that southern Californians can expect to bear an enhanced awareness on water conservation, protection and development issues. Conservation may include enforced water rationing, increased education on how and when to irrigate, motivations toward the exchange of high water use ground-cover plants to low water use plants, and reuse of wastewater for irrigation or for enhanced ground-water recharge. Protection may include a more aggressive team of government agencies to clean-up and to prevent wastes discharged to land and water supplies. Development issues may include the need by water agencies to increase the cost of water we use to finance emergency water supply projects, such as use of more expensive local ground-water supplies, i.e., deepening wells, lowering the positions of well pumps and treatment/usage of marginally potable supplies of ground water.

In the January issue of the newsletter the name of Richard P. Lozinsky, Ph.D., Geologist with Leightan & Assoc. was misspelled. Richard was kind to speak at the December meeting about and to show slides of his observations in the epicenter area following the October 17, 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

Positions Available

Career Opportunity for Geotechnical/Civil Engineer

Immediate openings are available for a California registered candidate with 5 to 10 years experience. Projects will include but not be limited to landfill design and construction which entails liner systems, surface and subsurface drainage, and pipeline design. Also, future possibilities may include setting up a soil testing laboratory and remediation systems design. Excellent communication and writing skills required, hydrology experience a plus.

CONTACT: (818) 848-0214
or send resume to:

Law Environmental, Inc.
3320 N. San Fernando Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91504
Attn: J. Johnson

Career Opportunity for Senior Hydrogeologist & Staff Environmental Scientist

Management and staff level positions are available in the Burbank office. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience. Management positions require: California registrations, 5 to 10 years of experience, excellent communication and supervisory skills. Computer literacy a plus.

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Career Opportunity for Geoenvironmental Project Managers

Openings are available for Geoenvironmental/Waste Management Project Managers in Ventura, Los Angeles, and Sacramento offices. Duties will include development and management of environmental assessment, soil and groundwater contamination/remediation projects. Requirements are a record of successful project development and management; BS or MS degree (preferred), 3+ years experience registration and excellent technical and communication skills. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience.

CONTACT: (805) 644-5555
or send resume to:

McClelland Consultants.
Attention: Michael R. Ploessl
2140 Eastman Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003

Career Opportunities for Engineering Geologists

Several positions are available in the Riverside County Planning Department. Current Opening: Special Projects Division. Successful candidate would perform geological research and analysis for environmental impact statements and the seismic safety and other safety elements of the County General Plan. Duties would include, for example, review of outside reports and assistance to other County departments as needed. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in geology or engineering geology. Selection procedure: Applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be referred to the department for employment consideration. Montly salaries range for the following positions from: Assistant Eng. Geol.-Registered (CEG): $3,178 to $3938; Assistant Eng. Geol.: $3,012 to $3,751; Junior Eng. Geol.: $2,691 to $5,534.

CONTACT: (714) 757-6125
or send resume to:

Riverside County Personnel Dept.
County Administrative Center
6080 Lemon Street, Room 109
Riverside, CA 92501-3664
FEBRUARY 1990

**Seminars/Meetings/Field Trips**

- **Crustal Habits and Gold Mineralization in Southern California: Perspectives from CALCRUST**
  - San Diego Association of Geologists Meeting.
  - Contact: Dr. Constantine P. Georgakkos, Iowa Inst. of Hydraulic Engineering.
  - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (319) 335-5222.
  - Program and related materials available in the City of Industry office and the expanded Newport Beach office.
  - Position available for experienced geologist.能力 and soils remediation specialists are available in offices throughout the United States. Salary is negotiable and is commensurate with experience.
  - Contact: (818) 956-4048

- **Hydrogeologists, Geologists, and Environmental Engineers**
  - Openings are available for entry level (0-4 yrs exp) and senior level (5+ yrs exp).
  - Salary ranges from $20,000-$40,000.
  - Contact: (818) 956-4048

**Career Opportunities**

**Engineering Geologists**

Several positions are available in the LA County DPW.

- **Engineer/Geologist, Assistant:** Salary - $27,545
- **Engineer/Geologist, Associate:** Salary - $34,111
- **Engineer/Geologist, Assistant:** Salary - $34,065
- **Engineer/Geologist, Associate:** Salary - $39,797

Contact: (818) 458-2141 or (800) LACOGDPW

**Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works**

**Recruitment & Selection Sect.**

**900 South Fremont Avenue**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

**March 1990**

- **Tapers due for Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Symposium (May)**
  - The Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Center, Bernardino County Museum.
  - Contact: (714) 794-4850

- **Education/Geology**
  - Contact: (714) 794-4850

**Career Opportunities For Geotechnical Engineer**

- Openings are available for Geotechnical Engineer. Salary - $39,977
- Application Deadline: 2/28/90
- Requires BS & MA in geology or engineering geology.

Contact: (818) 458-2141 or (800) LACOGDPW

**City of Los Angeles Dept. of Bldg & Safety**

**Personnel Dept. Room 100**

**City Hall South**

**311 E. First St.**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**or of Van Nuys Branch City Hall**

**24410 Sylvan Street**

**Career Opportunities For Senior Engineering Geologist**

Opening is available for a Senior Engineering Geologist. Duties will include planning and supervision of comprehensive engineering geological studies and be the Senior Consultant on complex multi-disciplinary projects.

- Requirements: M.S degree, 5+ years experience C.E.G. and excellent technical and communication skills.
- Salary is negotiable and is commensurate with experience.
- Contact: (805) 644-5535

**McClelland Consultants,**

**Attention: Michael R. Ploesel**

**2140 Eastman Avenue**

**Ventura, CA 93003**

**April 1990**

- **16th Annual Groundwater Analysis and the Design of Dewatering Systems**
  - Orlando, FL.
  - Contact: (800) 752-5057

- **16th Annual Short Course on Soil Dynamics and Foundation Engineering**
  - St. Louis, MO.
  - Contact: (800) 752-5057

**May 1990**

- **14th Hand-on 5-day Laboratory May 19-24**
  - Rolla, MO.
  - Contact: (800) 752-5057

- **21st International Symposium on Mapping and Geographic Information Systems**
  - San Francisco, CA.
  - Contact: A. Ivan Johnson 7474 Upham Ct. Arvada, CO 80003 (303) 425-5610

**Local Meetings**

- **Coastal Geology Society**
  - Dinner meetings third Tuesday of each month.

- **American Legion Hall, 85 S. Palm St., Ventura, CA**

- **Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park, CA**

- **San Diego Association of Geologists**
  - Dinner meetings third Wednesday of each month at Luminarias Restaurant, San Diego City Hall, 200 N First Street, Bakersfield, CA.
It's Time to Renew Your Annual Fees for the AEG Southern California Section. Your annual fees to AEG International do not include the Section fees. The $20.00 fee covers the operation of the section through publishing & mailing the monthly newsletter, paying for expenses of program speakers, meals for students at meetings, and the expense of our lobbyist in Sacramento.

You will not receive an invoice for renewal other than the notice located here. This is the last renewal notice that will be printed in the newsletter for the 1990 calendar year. You will notice on your mailing label, to the right of your name, the month and year when your fees will be due. Past this date you will no longer receive copies of the section newsletter. You can ignore this notice if you recently made the effort of renewing. Members are, however, encouraged to participate at any time of the year.

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