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Accelerating Geothermal Energy

11 – 12 March 2026 | Hybrid Event | The Chester Hotel, Aberdeen

GEOTHERMAL 2026

Technical Programme

As the global geothermal industry accelerates and groundbreaking projects advance worldwide, this represents an unprecedented period of opportunity for geothermal energy.

Nations are pushing boundaries to decarbonise and localise their power and heating supply, with the UK's increasing activity showcasing diverse geothermal applications and untapped potential.

SPE Aberdeen proudly announces the technical programme for its 2026 Geothermal Seminar: Accelerating Geothermal Energy - challenging conventional approaches and exploring what's next to maximise geothermal's transformational impact.

Now in its fifth year, the seminar continues to serve as a valued event for sharing research, operational insights, and next-generation innovations that are taking geothermal energy to its maximum potential.

Join us in March 2026 to engage with thought leaders and trailblazers driving this exciting energy transformation as we push boundaries, optimise performance, and accelerate toward a sustainable energy future.

Hybrid Event

After the success of our hybrid event in 2025, we will continue to offer delegates the opportunity to choose between in-person attendance in Aberdeen, or online via the virtual events platform. Due to the high demand for in-person attendance in 2025, the 2026 Seminar will be hosted in a larger venue with more capacity.

Both ticket options allow delegates to watch all the presentations live as they happen, as well as offering the opportunity to be involved in any interactive elements, such as Q&A sessions and polls.

In-person attendance includes additional networking opportunities, refreshments and lunch across the 2 days of the event.



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DAY 1

SESSION 1 - Opening Session			
Start Time	Title	Company	Presenter
08:55	Opening remarks		
09:00	Keynote - Geothermal at Scale: Lessons from the Global Deployment for the Next Energy Industry	International Geothermal Assoc.	Marit Brommer
09:25	The UK's geothermal gap, a global comparison of potential vs activity	National Geothermal Centre	Dr Charlotte Adams
09:55	Next-generation geothermal: learning from European momentum to unlock UK potential	Wood Mackenzie	Kate Adie
10:25	Accelerating Geothermal in the UK – from policy signals to practical delivery	ADE: Heat Networks	Ken Gordon
10:50 – 11:20	BREAK		
SESSION 2			
11:25	Accelerating Granite-Hosted Geothermal: Lessons from Fervo Utah for Europe's Hard-Rock Basins	Well Guidance B.V.	Andrew Douglas
11:55	An Update on the Commissioning and Early Operation of the United Downs Geothermal Power Plant and Lithium Extraction Facility, Cornwall.	Geothermal Engineering Ltd	Ryan Law
12:25	Aberdeen Geothermal Feasibility Pilot (AGFP)	University of Aberdeen	Dr David Cornwell
12:55	TECHBYTE: Next Generation Gravity Sensing	SMG Gravity	Alex Crossland
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH BREAK		
SESSION 3 – Panel Session			
14:20	Accelerating Geothermal Energy Panel with Rebecca Allison (National Geothermal Centre), John Paterson (University of Aberdeen), David Townsend (TownRock Energy) and Anne Murrell (Geothermal UK)		
15:20 – 15:50	BREAK		
SESSION 4			
15:55	The UK Geothermal Platform	British Geological Survey	Alison Monaghan
16:25	IADC's Geothermal Well Drilling Guideline	HP Inc / IADC	Scott Farmer
16:55	TECHBYTE: Integrating Geothermal Energy and Critical Mineral Recovery: A Novel Approach on a Remote British Overseas Territory	Marriott Well Engineering Management Services	Polly Tandy
17:00	TECHBYTE: Technological Advancements in Zonal Isolation for Geothermal Wells Using Expanding Polymer Grain	Resolute Energy Solutions Ltd.	Scott William Petrie
17:05	TECHBYTE: Well Digital Twin for Maintaining Long-Term Integrity for New and Repurposed Geothermal Wells	Net Zero Geosystems	Martin Solway
17:10	DAY 1 – WRAP UP		



DAY 2

SESSION 1			
Start Time	Title	Company	Presenter
08:55	Opening remarks		
09:00	Delivering Geothermal Heat Networks in the UK – From Vision to First Wells	CeraPhi Energy	Gary Williams
09:30	Innovative Heat Storage for Carbon-Neutral Heating	Qheat	Rami Niemi
10:00	Reservoir Independent Deep Geothermal Technology for Heating	TownRock Energy	Sam Smith
10:30	Reducing Subsurface Uncertainty for Sustainable Heat Production: Integrated Ensemble Modelling of the Delft Campus Project	Rock Flow Dynamics	Jordan Connolly
10:55 – 11:25	BREAK		
SESSION 2			
11:30	World's 1st Enhanced Geothermal System >300°C: The quest for Superhot Rock	Mazama Energy	Gabrijel Grubac
12:00	Integrated Geological-Engineering Framework for Assessing the Heat Extraction Potential from Manuguru Geothermal fields in Godavari Graben, India	ExxonMobil, India	Vinod Kumar Madem
12:30	TECHBYTE: Energy Security for a Changing World: Peru's path to 2050	Georgetown University / University of Aberdeen	Suamy Gabriela Perez Ortega
12:40	TECHBYTE: Geothermal Absorption Cold Storage: a solution for UK low enthalpy resources	Thermal Partners LLP	Jordan Oxley
12:50	TECHBYTE: Alt. Earth 2026: A Modular Geothermal Subsurface Toolkit	Alternative Earth	Gerold Tischler
13:00 - 14:20	LUNCH BREAK		
SESSION 3			
14:25	Emerging research, collaboration and development of mine water heat at the Mining Remediation Authority.	Mining Remediation Authority	Fiona Todd
14:55	Techno-economic feasibility of using abandoned mines for storage and transport of data centre waste heat	TownRock Energy	Leah Swan
15:25	Morecambe Net Zero (MNZ); The potential for geothermal to overcome the energy challenges of liquified CO2	Spirit Energy / ARUP	Phil Ware / Jordan Weddepohl
15:55	TECHBYTE: Aquifer geothermal and thermal energy storage in the Triassic Sherwood Sandstone: An introduction to the Cheshire Observatory	BGS	Vanessa Starcher
16:05	Closing Session - The UK's Past, Present and Future Energy Mix	University of Aberdeen	John Underhill
16:25	Closing Remarks		
16:30	END OF CONFERENCE		

Booking

Pricing

We invite geothermal experts, researchers, policymakers, financiers, innovators, and enthusiasts to attend this 2-day event. Online tickets cover both days of the Seminar and in-person tickets give you the option to attend both days, or one of the days.

	Early Bird (Until 11 th February)	Standard
ONLINE ATTENDANCE		
Members	£75	£95
Non-Members	£90	£110
Student/Unemployed	£25	£25
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE		
Members both days	£290	£340
Members 1 day	£195	£245
Non-Members both days	£385	£440
Non-Members 1 day	£245	£295
Students/unemployed both days	£45	£45
Students/unemployed 1 day	£25	£25

Please note all costs are subject to VAT at the current rate.

BOOK NOW

Special Offer

Invite an Early Career Professional (≤10 years in industry) to attend the Seminar for FREE!

For every full price ticket purchased, you may add an additional ticket of the same type for no additional cost. This is your chance to support our future generation and inspire knowledge sharing.

T&C's

The member organisations eligible for member rate tickets are: SPE, GESGB, ICoTA.

Ticket types are non-transferable. If an 'online attendance' ticket is purchased, this only allows access to the online event platform and cannot be used for the in-person event. If an 'in-person attendance' ticket is purchased, this only allows attendance to the in-person event and does not grant access to the online event platform. Special requests can be made to: Aberdeen.events@spe-uk.org and will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Free Early Careers tickets – We define 'Early Career Professionals' as those with 10 years' experience or less within the offshore energies industry. For every full price ticket purchased, you may add an additional ticket of the same type to be used by an early career professional. This offer is only valid on full price tickets – this excludes the Student/Unemployed ticket type

Sponsorship Opportunities

SPE Aberdeen is a not-for-profit organisation and raising sponsorship is vital not only for the successful delivery of the conference but to enable re-investment back into the industry.

By supporting this event, not only are you providing an important knowledge sharing and training opportunity for the industry, but you are also supporting the future generation and the future of our industry.

All sponsors will receive the following benefits:

- Logo on all materials incl. web, abstracts flyer, programme flyer, social media.
- Corporate branding on conference slides.
- Profile and logo in abstracts book.
- Recognition by conference chair throughout the event.
- Access to delegate list prior to the event.

Package Specific Benefits:

Platinum Sponsor £4,500

- Prime positioning of logo on all materials
- Exhibition stand
- Social media input – provide content for 2 posts prior to the event
- Video opportunity – provide a video to play during the break
- Opportunity to display pop-up banners in conference room (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 5 x delegate passes included

Event Sponsor £2,800

- Prominent positioning of logo on all materials
- Exhibition stand
- Social media input – provide content for a post prior to the event
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner in conference room (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 3 x delegate passes included

Lanyard Sponsor £2,500

- Social media input – provide content for a post prior to the event
- Logo on lanyards (to be provided by sponsor, or can be sourced at a cost)
- 2 x delegate passes included

Registration Sponsor £1,800

- Prime positioning of logo on delegate joining instructions
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner beside the registration desk throughout the event (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 2 x delegate passes included

Programme Sponsor (2 available) £1,500

- Logo displayed on conference programme flyer beside chosen day
- 1 x delegate pass included

Please note, all prices above are exclusive of VAT

To enquire about sponsorship packages, contact: Aberdeen.events@spe-uk.org

Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

Package Specific Benefits:

Lunch Sponsor (x 2 available) £1,950

- Logo to be displayed on screen graphics on announcement of lunch break and at catering points during lunch break
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner beside the lunch station (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 2 x delegate passes included

Coffee Break Sponsor (x 2 available) £1,500

- Logo to be displayed on screen graphics on announcement of coffee break and at catering points during sponsored coffee break
- 1 x delegate pass included

Networking Reception Sponsor SOLD OUT

- Logo to be displayed on screen graphics on announcement of networking reception and at catering points during the reception
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner beside the bar during reception (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 1 x delegate pass included

Hybrid Event Supporters (multiple available) £500

- Logo on materials incl. web, abstracts flyer, programme flyer
- Have your 1-2 minute promotional video played to attendees during the conference
- 1 x online attendance delegate pass included

Please note, all prices above are exclusive of VAT

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Exhibition Opportunities

Opportunities exist for companies to demonstrate data, technologies and services within the exhibition. We will have a limited number of tabletop exhibition stand spaces available. There will be ample opportunity for maximum interaction between exhibitors and delegates during the registration period, coffee breaks, and during lunch.

Exhibition Stands £1,200

Exhibition packages include:

- A basic exhibition space (approx. 3m wide x 2m deep) suitable for a pop-up portable display stand or tabletop display. A 6ft table and two chairs will be provided.
- One free delegate pass for the conference
- Logo and company profile in abstracts e-book issued to all delegates.
- Guaranteed 5-minute Techbyte in the programme (optional)

Special discounts available for SMEs and start-ups. Get in touch for further details:

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