



Dear Geoscientists,

Welcome to IMAGE 2023 – the premier global event that brings together geoscientists and technology innovators to exchange the knowledge, resources, and experiences necessary to responsibly discover, develop, and deliver energy resources to meet society’s needs.

AAPG and SEG joined forces in 2021 to provide the applied geoscience community with an annual event that allows for prudent efficiencies without compromising the legacies of technical excellence of both societies. We welcome SEPM because their community consistently delivers great insights and technical expertise to shared events.

The IMAGE 2023 Technical Program Committee Co-Chairs, the Steering Committee, the Oversight Committee, and key staff from the participating organizations met many times during and after IMAGE 2022 to evaluate feedback, scoring data, and surveys to plan IMAGE 2023. We are intent on increasing the value of IMAGE by improving the program and being responsive to feedback.

A key change for IMAGE 2023 is a two-step abstract submission process. The first step – an initial submission of no more than 700 words and two figures in response to four questions – is designed to standardize submitted content and elicit the critical information the Technical Program Committee needs to select presentations that result in the best program possible. The second step – the option for accepted presenters to submit an extended abstract – is the same as in previous years and is intended to deliver the concise publications members have long valued.

This plan represents a change as we evolve IMAGE into the global event that demonstrates the relevance of applied geoscience to industry and the broader geoscience community. Such a journey is paved with twists and turns, but we remain committed to continuously improving IMAGE, with the event committee analyzing results and feedbacks carefully. Until then, we welcome your abstracts, your input, and most importantly, your participation in IMAGE 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Gretchen Gillis'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'G' and 'G'.

Gretchen Gillis  
IMAGE 2023 Oversight Committee Chair  
AAPG 2021-2022 President