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THE 11TH EUROPEAN GEOTHERMAL PHD DAY (EGPD 2020), LEOBEN

With respect to the above mentioned subject, I was informed of the possibility of holding the 11th European Geothermal PhD Day celebration in Austria, at the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Montanuniversitaet Leoben; and in my capacity as the Chair of Petroleum and Geothermal Energy recovery, I am in support of the bid.

I can assure all and sundry of our capability in hosting the 2020 event. Infact, in 2018, we hosted several conferences and it includes the finals of the Gazprom/Wintershall sponsored Young Vision Awards, and also the 2nd edition of the International Student Congress of Petroleum Engineering (SCOPE); and we would like to extend it to host this event, and add it as a permanent fixture on our calendar.

It would be a great honour and of great benefit because it will create a nexus for sharing information about past and ongoing research, and also help to create more awareness about the programmes of the Chair, which also includes the possibility of earning a Joint International Master Program (JIMP) with Ufa State University, in *Design and Operation of Pipelines and Storage Facilities*.

More information about our University and Department can be obtained at www.unileoben.ac.at and www.dpe.ac.at

I look forward to working with everyone to build a stronger and strongly knitted European and global geothermal family.

Thanks for your consideration and wish the GZB Potsdam, the sponsors and all attendees, a successful 10th European Geothermal PhD Day celebration.

Kind regards,

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