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## 5<sup>th</sup> International Geothermal Conference pushes forward the geothermal sector

*The International Geothermal Conference (IGC) takes place in Freiburg, Germany on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the fifth time. The Conference is one of the leading event for deep geothermal experts and so pushes forward, according to current prognosis, an important renewable energy technology for future energy supply.*

(Freiburg, 26.11.2008) The 5th International Geothermal Conference (IGC 2009) takes place in Freiburg, Germany on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 under the patronage of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. Once again, the Conference and its additional programme opportunities will give interested parties the chance to gain wide knowledge and extensive information about current deep geothermal developments: Next to international market developments, especially in Turkey, topics like risk management or probability of success, power plant engineering, project financing and HFR will be discussed. National and international professionals will give conference attendees full explanation within the panel discussions.

Thanks to its international orientation the Conference offers a perfect setting to discuss deep geothermal challenges and so pushes forward the development of a complex but renewable energy technology which has a promising future. According to a relevant pilot study by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, geothermal local heating plant and geothermal power generation will become more and more important. In the year 2050, about 25 per cent of the needed local heat in Germany and about 6 per cent of the power shall be produced by geothermal power plants.

To complete the Conference programme, additional programme opportunities are offered to the attendees, like a short course on project development and two workshops about international projects and the German Geothermal Information System GeotIS on April 27<sup>th</sup>. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, participants will have the chance to visit different geothermal sites in the Upper Rhine Graben and the Molasse Basin.

The agency Enerchange is the organiser of the International Geothermal Conference. The economic development and marketing company of Freiburg, the Freiburg Wirtschaft Touristik und Messe GmbH & Co.KG (FWTM) has discerned the potential of geothermal development and is from now on co-organiser of the Conference. The IGC 2009 is supported (amongst others) by the Geothermischen Vereinigung e.V. - German Geothermal Association and the International Geothermal Association IGA. Early-booking advantage: For applications until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Conference attendance fee is reduced from 300 to 250 Euro plus VAT. For more information on the additional programme opportunities fees, the conference programme and the application form, please visit [www.geothermiekonferenz.de](http://www.geothermiekonferenz.de).

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### **Background Information:**

Enerchange is an independent agency specialized in renewable energies and the sustainable usage of energy. Enerchange researches, generates and presents information, organises events, and advises companies in the search of renewable energy projects and their estimate.