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On behalf of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), its divisions, the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) and the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS), it is a pleasure to welcome you to ACE 2020 Online.

Our businesses, colleagues and industry are going through difficult times, but overcoming obstacles, dealing with uncertainty, and facing failure are all part of the search for hydrocarbons. It's what we signed up for when we decided to join the world's energy industry. Sticking together and sharing our knowledge and experiences with each other has been a hallmark of AAPG for more than a century.

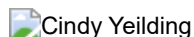
The heart of ACE lies within the technical program, and this year's convention will again include a diverse collection of exciting and informative technical talks, interactive panels and posters. And while no online event can fully match the fun, energy and incidental connections that occur in-person, you can still engage in live Q&A sessions, schedule meetings with vendors, connect with friends and participate in social events.

I want to thank General Vice Chairs Morgan Sullivan, Art Donovan, Pinar Yilmaz and Steve Sonnenberg, Technical Program Vice Chairs Steve Goolsby, Paul Mann and Scott Meddaugh, and our entire ACE 2020 committee. This incredible group of volunteers performed double duty, first organizing the largest program in AAPG history for our interrupted June convention, and then pivoting and completely reworking the sessions for this extensive online event.

If, like me, you frequently find yourself forced to choose between equally interesting talks, you're going to value this online experience. Most sessions are being recorded and will be available for viewing on-demand – at times other than the program schedule. You don't have to worry about missing any talks and can even watch your favorites over and over again.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, thank you. Your registration for ACE 2020 Online not only benefits you and other attendees but helps strengthen our global geosciences community. ACE is critically important to AAPG as a source of funding for the Association's many no- and low-cost education and outreach programs worldwide.

Enjoy the conference – and know that we're keeping our collective fingers crossed that we can get together in-person and see you at ACE 2021 in Denver.



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