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Simona Regenspurg appointed as interim head of Section Geoenergy

Dear colleagues,

With the beginning of the new year, Simona Regenspurg has succeeded me as interim head of the Section Geoenergy and thus as head of geothermal research at GFZ. Simona is no stranger to the geothermal community; she has a lot of international experience from studies in the US, in Sweden and Switzerland as well as from national and European project cooperations. I am convinced, together with the great team of the section, she will continue to push forward the development of geothermal energy as a reliable option for future clean energy supply.

I am not retiring yet, as I would like to bring the H2020 project DESTRESS to a successful end. I would be glad if this year, which is special in many respects, would give me the opportunity to meet colleagues in person before I finally take over other tasks. I wish Simona all the best and much success.

Ernst Huenges

Dear colleagues,

Since 2009 I have been working at GFZ in the group of Ernst as a scientist with focus on the investigation of geochemical processes that occur during the operation of geothermal plants. With the studies of my working group „Geothermal Fluids“, I work at the interface with the other main topics of the section, such as geothermal exploration, reservoir engineering, monitoring, and plant engineering. The future focus of the section will be on large scale, operative, and long-term geothermal projects using our highly developed infrastructure and multidisciplinary expertise. We will intensify research in the region of Berlin-Brandenburg on the topics of deep geothermal energy, heat and hydrogen storage at existing and new research platforms. Great attention we will pay to our national and international partnerships. I am looking forward to the new challenges.

Simona Regenspurg



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