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The EEGS Executive Committee would like to recognize and express appreciation to all those involved in organizing and carrying out SAGEEP 2021 held last week, March 14-19. Due to COVID-19, this year’s SAGEEP was extremely challenging because it needed to be transformed from an in-person to a virtual conference. Given the difficulties and uncertainties associated with a virtual SAGEEP format, which had not been tried before, the result was outstanding. The prerecorded presentations were excellent (which can still be viewed through April 2), the live technical sessions and short courses were very well done, and conference registration (> 500) far exceeded expectations. SAGEEP 2021 succeeded through collaborative efforts among EEGS, the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), and the National Association of Ordnance Contractors (NAOC). EAGE had a particularly crucial role managing the event logistics and the online virtual platform. Outstanding leadership from these organizations was provided by Mark Dunscomb (with EEGS), Menia Katsamagka (with EAGE), and Jeff Leberfinger (with NAOC). Several others made important contributions putting together this SAGEEP, including Jacob Sheehan, Kisa Mwakanyamale, Bethany Burton, John Jackson, Greg Byer, John Stowell, Geoff Pettifer, Lia Martinez, Paul Schwering, Kristen Marbury, Jackie Jacoby, and Micki Allen. Again, we express our appreciation to all those who contributed to a successful SAGEEP 2021.

Hopefully, we will soon put COVID behind us, enabling the next SAGEEP to be held in-person. We look forward to seeing all of you at SAGEEP 2022.

Thanks.

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