

Registration is open for the 2011 annual program conference of the Council of Energy Research & Education Leaders (CEREL). The meeting will take place November 7-9 near the Pittsburgh, PA airport, and is co-hosted by the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) of the US Department of Energy. Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA) will speak at the opening dinner.

The meeting will feature an array of in-depth tours in this energy-producing region, including:

- Marcellus Shale Natural Gas extraction and storage
- Westinghouse Nuclear and Alter NRG Plasma Gasification Test Facilities
- National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) facilities in Morgantown, WV and Pittsburgh (some restrictions apply for foreign nationals)
- Coal Energy: Longview Power Plant, Patriot Coal Surface Mine & Mylan Park Mine Reclamation Site
- West Virginia University's (WVU's) National Research Center for Coal and Energy (NRCCE) in Morgantown
- Carnegie Mellon University's (CMU) Green Campus and Phipps Conservatory

Panel discussions will include:

- Developing (& Improving) Energy Education
- Connecting Energy Supply & Demand Session
- Regional Initiatives on Energy & the Environment
- Sessions on renewable, fossil and nuclear energy

There will be ample opportunities for discussion with your colleagues from academia, government, nongovernmental and business.

The meeting will begin with tours on Monday morning November 7 and conclude Wednesday afternoon, following the last set of tours.

CEREL members in good standing **will receive one complimentary registration and up to 4 additional discounted additional registrations of \$250 each for faculty members and one student registration for \$150. See [www.ncseonline.org/cerel](http://www.ncseonline.org/cerel) to determine whether you are current on your dues payment.**

Non-member registration is \$600 (or \$200 for a single day), but it is not too late to join CEREL and receive the member benefits. For non-members who join CEREL after the meeting, but before December 31, \$300 of the meeting registration can be applied to the 2011-12 membership fee of \$2000 (\$1000 if your university is an affiliate of the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE)).

An early bird registration bonus of a \$50 discount is available through September 30 (except for student registrations).

REGISTER TODAY at <http://www.cvent.com/d/rcqjzz/4W>.

Discounted lodging is available at the conference center at the Hilton Garden Inn at SouthPointe, 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317, near the Pittsburgh, PA airport.

A detailed draft agenda is attached, along with logistical information about the meeting. Please visit the CEREL website at <http://ncseonline.org/programs/education-careers/cerel/meetings/fall-2011-conference> for agenda updates and lodging information. **Note that there is limited space on each of the tours.** Reservations for the tours will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For online registration, go to <http://www.cvent.com/d/rcqjzz/4W> . *The complimentary registration code will be provided once your membership fee is received.*

Please contact Program Coordinator Jenifer Jackson at [jjackson@ncseonline.org](mailto:jjackson@ncseonline.org) or 202-530-5810 x221 with questions about membership or the meeting.

This jam-packed meeting will be a great opportunity for you to improve your own first-hand knowledge in a variety of energy fields, gain knowledge and meet colleagues to help improve your programs. We very much look forward to continuing our partnership and seeing you in November!

Sincerely,



Susan Jenkins, Ph.D., President



David Blockstein, Ph.D., Executive Secretary