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WGC 2015 BRINGS THE GAS INDUSTRY TOGETHER IN PARIS



The 2012-2015 IGU triennium was brought to a successful close at the conclusion of the 26th World Gas Conference (WGC 2015), in Paris, 1-5 June. The gas industry turned out in force for the event, where 3.500 delegates, 350 exhibitors and 5.000 trade visitors contributed to a vibrant atmosphere in the conference rooms and exhibition hall of the Porte de Versailles Convention Centre.



Each working day of the conference had a theme which the keynote and strategic panel speakers addressed, while the results of studies that were carried out by IGU's 11 Technical Committees and three Task Forces during the last triennium were shared in thematic sessions and interactive showcases. The themes were: Natural gas as a core pillar for a sustainable future of the planet; Gas, renewables and electricity: a perfect combination; Natural gas as a growth factor for new economies; and Human capital for the future of the gas industry.

With Paris set to host the UN Climate Change Conference, COP 21, later in the year, a major message of WGC 2015 was that greater gas use is a fast and effective way to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality while meeting rising global demand for energy. Moreover, gas is not just a quick fix; it is a destination fuel ideally suited to complement intermittent power generation from renewable sources, to extend access to energy in developing and energy poor countries and to play a bigger role as a transportation fuel.

But speakers stressed that the industry needs to work hard to ensure that energy policies and regulatory structures recognise the long-term benefits of gas, pointing to the situation in Europe where amongst other things, a low carbon price has resulted in greater use of coal for power generation. Indeed, the day before the opening of WGC 2015, the CEOs of BG, BP, Eni, Shell, Statoil and Total called on governments and the UNFCCC to introduce effective carbon pricing and eventually link national systems.

Speakers also stressed that the industry needs to reduce costs and produce gas more efficiently, highlighting the benefits of greater standardisation at the engineering design stage of projects and the convergence of operational and information technology.

NEW IGU REPORTS LAUNCHED



Four new IGU Reports were launched at WGC 2015.

- IGU Wholesale Gas Price Survey Report, 2015 Edition
- IGU Biogas Report 2015
- IGU Prospects for Natural Gas. Identifying the key developments that will shape the gas market towards 2050
- IGU World LNG Report, 2015 Edition

The reports are available at www.igu.org/publications.

If you wish to receive hard copies of the reports, please contact the IGU Secretariat at secrigu@statoil.com

GLOBAL GAS AWARD



IGU's Global Gas Award was presented in a special session on the last day of WGC 2015.

There were more than 550 submissions for the Award from which five runners-up and the winner were chosen. The Award went to a team led by Angus McIntosh from the British distributor SGN for their project "Opening up the Gas Market".

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During WGC 2015, IGU has signed two

There was extensive discussion of how the industry can reduce its carbon footprint in order to enhance its social license to operate. Sessions were dedicated to carbon capture and storage, in connection with both gas production and gas-fired power generation, and moves to reduce gas flaring and venting including the World Bank's Zero Routine Flaring by 2030 initiative.

In a special address, the French Deputy Foreign Minister, Christian Masset called on companies in the gas industry to help make COP 21 a success by making public commitments to reduce emissions.

Thanks to the hard work of the French National Organising Committee chaired by Daniel Paccoud, the conference ran smoothly throughout the week, which culminated with a dramatic closing ceremony. This was an opportunity for Jérôme Ferrier to thank delegates, exhibitors, sponsors, the entire French team and the Secretariat before handing over the Presidency to the USA team led by the IGU's new President David Carroll.

IGU COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING, PARIS

The IGU's Council met in Paris on the occasion of the 26th World Gas Conference. The Council will have its second meeting this year in Cartagena, Colombia, on 22 October 2015. Details of what will be an exciting and restructured Council meeting will be forthcoming. We thank our Colombian Charter member Naturgas - Asociación Colombiana de Gas Natural for the excellent preparations that are under way to host this meeting.

The Paris Council meeting focused on the handover of the Presidency from France to the USA and plans for the 2015-2018 triennium including the election of the Executive Committee. The Council also approved IGU's Building for the Future outreach initiative.

Updating the delegates on the initiative, Secretary General, Mr Pål Rasmussen emphasized how the project "aims to make IGU a more proactive, focused and effective advocate for the global gas industry". The Council approved a new Vision to reflect this and a new structure of membership fees to finance the initiative, together with the appropriate changes to the Articles of Association. While the membership classes and rights remain unchanged, the membership fees introduce supplement fees for the larger producers and consumers of gas and also introduces a number of limited exclusive opportunities for Associate members to upgrade to a new category of Premium Associate Member. In addition, the requirement for Associate Membership to the IGU has changed to organisations who have an interest in advancing the global gas industry and not strictly to one's who "own gas-related assets".

The hard work of the 2012-2015 Triennium was recognised with Jérôme Ferrier being made Honorary President and Georges Liens, the outgoing Chair of the Coordination Committee, an Honorary Member of IGU. Robert Doets of the Dutch Charter Member KVG N was also made an Honorary Member in recognition of his 30 years of service on the Council.

more MoU's. This time with UNESCO and UNEP.

The two MoU's are part of IGU's strategic work. As part of IGU's "Building for the Future" initiative, strategic partnership with selected international organisations will be one important area where IGU can strengthen the ambition to be the voice for the gas industry.

Through the MoU signed with UNESCO, IGU and UNESCO have agreed to collaborate on projects and initiatives in Africa and the Middle East to enhance the participation of women in engineering.

The MoU with UNEP will enhance IGU's work on climate, energy access and energy efficiency and provide a framework of cooperation and understanding on these areas emphasising sound environmental performance, safety, reliability and efficiency across the entire gas value chain.

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED



IGU welcomes both Beijing Gas Group (China) and Enagás (Spain) as Associate members. The two companies were approved as members by the Council in Paris.

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