



## IGU Newsletter - November 2017

[China Wins Bid for IGU Presidency](#)

[IGU Council Meeting](#)

[IGU Council Workshop](#)

[New Releases: IGU Methane Emissions Reports](#)

[WGC 2018: Personalize Your WGC 2018 Conference Programme](#)

[IGU Influence](#)

### The People's Republic of China Wins Bid for IGU Presidency 2021-2024

**Madam Li Yalan of The People's Republic of China announced as IGU President from 2021-2024, with the City of Beijing set to host the 2024 World Gas Conference.**

**Tokyo and Barcelona, 26 October 2017 –** The Council of the International Gas Union (IGU) today selected The People's Republic of China to hold the organisation's 2021-24 Presidency.



As part of the winning bid, the City of Beijing will also host the World Gas Conference (WGC) in 2024 – the landmark event for the Natural Gas Industry held every three years in the country holding the Presidency of the IGU. The event boasts influential speakers from within and outside the gas industry, along with key policymakers who will present their views on the most important technical, commercial and strategic issues and opportunities facing the natural gas industry. [Read more...](#)



## IGU Council meeting takes key decisions in Tokyo, Japan

Japan through the Japan Gas Association hosted the IGU Council meeting this year. It was the second last Council meeting of the 2015-2018 triennium and a decisive meeting for the future of IGU in several ways.

The most prominent decision was the election for IGU Presidency 2021-24 and host of the WGC 2024. However, other important decisions were also taken.

Maybe just as important, was that Council decided to establish a permanent IGU secretariat and headquarters by 2022. A transition team will conduct the transition plan going forward.

Also, the IGU Council decided to increase the number of Premium Associate members (PAMs) from 10 to 15. Shell and Gas Natural Fenosa were approved as new PAMs. The last as a recognition for its hosting of the IGU Secretariat.

The Japan Gas Association provided an excellent frame and environment around the meetings. IGU expresses its deep appreciation for their warm hospitality.

[The presentation and documents from the meeting can be accessed here \(Members only\).](#)

## IGU Council Workshop

The IGU Council Workshop held in Tokyo was about the Japanese and Asian gas industry.

It started with a keynote session on "Energy Policy of Japan" including presentations from Atsushi Taketani, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs at Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan Ministry of Energy, and Pr Takeo Kikkawa from the Tokyo University of Science Graduate School of Innovation Studies.



The workshop also included a panel discussion on "The Role of Natural Gas in Asia and Beyond" moderated by Nobuo Tanaka, IGU Wise Person and former Executive Director of IEA. Six speakers gave their views on the opportunities, challenges, and future of natural gas and LNG in the Asian region:

- Pr Jun Arima, Graduate School of Public Policies, University of Tokyo
- Sam (Shigeru) Muraki, Executive Advisor, Tokyo Gas
- Ajay Shah, Vice President, Shell Energy Asia
- Andrew Walker, VP Strategy and Communication, Cheniere Energy

- Graeme Bethune, CEO EnergyQuest
- Robert Johnston, CEO Eurasia Group

All presentations are available [here](#) (Members only).

## New Releases: Methane Emissions Reports

Methane emissions are increasingly mentioned in the public energy debate. IGU recognizes that fugitive methane emissions are an important issue that needs to be taken seriously. However, we also see that the facts and premises of this debate are often not precise enough. As a reply, IGU has prepared two reports outlining the organisation's view on the issue.



The first of them, "Understanding Methane's Impact on Climate Change", looks at Global Warming Potential (GWP) and lays out IGU's position and supporting arguments with regards to GWP of 100 years against 20. IGU holds that the GWP metric is a policy choice and that this choice carries a trade-off between deliberately scoring a short-term political win, or securing a long-term public value of meeting Paris Agreement obligations. [Access full report here.](#)

The second report, "The Natural Gas Industry's Methane Emissions Challenge", presents seven case studies on successful methane emission reduction programmes by the natural gas industry. The cases show that fugitive methane emissions are considered an industry priority, and explains the challenge from the industry's perspective. The report presents clear policy recommendations on how to treat the challenge. [Download full report here.](#)

### Personalize your WGC 2018 Conference Programme



The 27th World Gas Conference comes to Washington DC next year from 25-29 June 2018 and is your chance to spend five days networking with your industry, learning from global natural gas experts, and sourcing new products and services to improve your business.

View the [interactive online conference program](#) to select the areas of interest most relevant to you. Filter the program on

key topics including LNG, E&P, Markets, and Utilization. The entire gas value chain is covered!

WGC 2018 will be the most definitive gathering of influential leaders, policy-makers, buyers, sellers and experts from around the globe and the opportunity to join them only comes around once every three years.

[Early Bird Registration](#) is now OPEN! Book your place by January 31, 2018, to save \$500.

[Book online](#) or contact the WGC 2018 team to register:  
Email: [registration@wgc2018.com](mailto:registration@wgc2018.com)  
Call: +44 (0)20 7978 0006

## IGU Influence

The IGU President attended a roundtable discussion with Indian Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, and high-level global and Indian oil and gas industry leaders in New Delhi, 9 October. More information on the event can be found [here](#).



IGU Public Affairs Director, Mel Ydreos, attended the 2017 International Natural Gas Congress & Fair in Istanbul, Turkey, 2-3 November. Mel held a keynote and moderated a panel on Environmental Issues.



IGU Secretary General attended the GIIGNL General Assembly that was held in Brussels, Belgium, 9-11 October. GIIGNL is IGU affiliate organisation and the IGU Secretary General and the GIIGNL President, Jean-Marie Dauger, (pictured) agreed to increase cooperation between the two organisations. GIIGNL recognizes IGU's increased advocacy activities as very successful.



*Copyright © 2017 International Gas Union, All rights reserved.*

**Our mailing address is:**

International Gas Union, Att: Gas Natural Fenosa,  
Plaça del Gas, 1, Building B 3rd floor, 08003 Barcelona, Spain  
Tel. + 34 93 412 97 89 Fax + 34 93 402 54 26  
E-mail: [secretariat@igu-gasnatural.com](mailto:secretariat@igu-gasnatural.com)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)