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Due to the recent tragic events of Hurricane Harvey occurring along the Gulf Coast of the US, the deadline to submit an abstract to speak at the 27th World Gas Conference has been extended to September 13, 2017. Our thoughts and support go out to all those affected by this tragedy.

The Call for Abstracts is a unique chance to share your knowledge and expertise next June at the most important global gas event of 2018. IGU members also have the opportunity to nominate their abstract for the IGU Global Gas Award for the chance to win a free delegate place, travel & accommodation for the event, plus $5000 USD!

What to do next:

1. Review the full list of topics available
2. Create a new account on the Call for Abstracts online portal
3. Submit your abstract as a word document or video file
4. Indicate whether you would also like your abstract to be considered for the WGC 2018 Innovation Awards or the IGU Global Gas Award
For more information please click here or contact cfa@wgc2018.com.

The WGC 2018 Conference Program is now LIVE and Early Bird Delegate Registration is OPEN – Save $500 when you register before January 31, 2018.

IGU Presidency Election - Candidates

2017 is an IGU election year. On 26 October, the IGU Council will elect the Presidency for the 2021-2024 triennium and the host of the 29th World Gas Conference in 2024. Below is a short presentation of the three strong candidates:

Canada:
**Candidate for President**: Mr Menelaos Ydreos, Executive Director, Energy Vantage Inc.
**Suggested location for WGC**: Vancouver, Vancouver Convention Centre

Canada has been a member of IGU since 1933 and has hosted the World Gas Conference on one earlier occasion in Toronto in 1979. As of today, the country holds one seat on the IGU Executive Committee, as Regional Coordinator for North America.

Canada is very active promoting the use of natural gas and is very active in the innovation space developing new uses (transportation) and sources of natural gas (renewable gas). Canada is also planning on being an LNG exporter.

China, People`s Republic of:
**Candidate for President**: Ms Li Yalan, Chairperson, Beijing Gas Group Company Limited; Executive Chairperson China Gas Association
**Suggested location for WGC**: Beijing, China National Convention Center (CNCC) at Beijing Olympic Park

China holds their IGU membership since 1986. In 2016 they hosted a successful G20 Gas Day in Beijing, and in 2019 Shanghai and China LNG Association will host the LNG 2019. Currently, China holds two seats on the Executive Committee, one as elected Charter member and one as Regional Coordinator for Asia and Asia Pacific.

China is very active promoting the development of their gas industry, through imports and increase of own production.
Egypt & Oman (jointly)

**Candidate for President:** Eng. Khaled AbuBakr, Chairman, TAQA Arabia; President, Egyptian Gas Association (EGA)

**Suggested location for WGC:** Muscat, Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre

Egypt joined IGU in 1989 while Oman became a member in 2002. Both are actively supporting IGU. Oman hosted the Executive Committee meeting in Muscat, Oman, last March, and Egypt will host the same meeting in Cairo in 2018. Oman also contributed to the IGU Secretariat with a secondee for a two year period from 2013. Egypt currently holds one seat on the Executive Committee as Regional Coordinator for the Middle East and Africa.

Both Egypt and Oman are very active promoting their natural gas industries, increasing both exports and imports and diversifying gas utilisation. It is the first time that two member countries present a candidature jointly.

**IGU Safety Summit**

Safety has always been a core value and of the highest priority for the natural gas industry and a key part of its social license to operate. IGU member companies place the greatest commitment to safe and environmentally sound operations and on protecting the well-being of the communities in which they operate. Consistent with these commitments, the IGU is excited to hold the inaugural IGU Safety Summit on November 6-7, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Hosted by the American Gas Association, this event will focus on all aspects of safety within the natural gas industry, including a sharing of safety practices and initiatives implemented by utilities and pipeline operators from around the world. Information will benefit senior leaders who have responsibility for worker safety, public safety, or pipeline safety within gas transmission, distribution, and underground storage facilities. Presentations will be followed by roundtable discussions, involving all participants.

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# IGU Committee Meetings - Second Half 2017

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## Preparations for the next triennium:
### Incoming Committee Chairs meeting, Daegu, Republic of Korea

The current triennium is entering its final phase, but by no means finished yet. On the contrary, it is entering into its most exciting part with final preparations and execution of the WGC 2018. The IGU succession system ensures that the good work done by the committees transitions effectively. To this end, the Korean IGU Vice Presidency team is already well into their preparations for the upcoming triennium 2018-21. In July, they invited the incoming Committee Chairs to a second preparation meeting in Daegu, Republic of Korea.

The full 2018-2021 Triennial Work Programme will be presented at the World Gas Conference in Washington DC, USA, 25-29 June 2018. Participation in IGU committees are open to all through our
members, and invitations to nominate representatives will be sent to all IGU members after the IGU Executive Committee meeting held on April 2018.

**IGU Influence**

The IGU Secretary General attended YPFB Gas y Petróleo 2017 conference in La Paz, Bolivia, 25-26 July 2017 where he participated in a panel and spoke on the current status and the future of the gas market.

From the left: Luis Bertrán, IGU Secretary General, with Eng. Bernardo A. Urquidi Iñiguez, Director Business Development, Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB).