The International Gas Union joins Statoil in extending our deepest sympathies to the families who have lost individuals in the tragic helicopter accident on 29 April 2016 in Fjell municipality outside Bergen, Norway.

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Successful LNG 18 held in Perth, Australia

LNG 18 – the 18th International Conference and Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas – was held in Perth, Australia, 12-15 April 2016. LNG professionals from all over the world gathered at the conference and exhibition to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the current conditions influencing the LNG business and the industry’s future growth.

The conference theme, “Redrawing the Global Map of Gas”, focused on the changing world of natural gas in a variety of ways – including reserves, trade, geopolitics, technological developments, regulation, stakeholder management, pricing and investment.
Since Perth last hosted the LNG conference in 1998, the global LNG map has changed significantly. As indicated by Colin Barnett, Western Australia Premier, in his opening speech, production has more than tripled and the number of export and import countries has increased radically. From being a strongly Asian focused industry, the LNG industry is now becoming increasingly global.

Australia’s LNG business has expanded dramatically over the last decade and the country is expected to evolve into the world’s largest LNG exporter. With abundant onshore and offshore reserves under development, Australia has the potential of becoming a leading world LNG producer and the first choice of supply for the Asian Pacific region.

At the same time, the abundance of supply is challenging the industry both in Australia and globally and impacting investments. As the 2016 IGU World LNG Report – released at the conference – indicates, activity has already slowed considerably in 2015 as a result of market oversupply and demand uncertainty in key import markets.

Throughout the week in Perth, delegates heard the thoughts and insights of high-level speakers such as the Prime Minister of Australia, Malcolm Turnbull; Colin Barnett, Western Australia Premier; ministers; CEOs from some of the many important LNG companies: Chevron, Shell and Woodside, among others.

For more information on the very interesting key discussions and debates, the LNG Show Dailies of the conference can be accessed through the LNG 18 web page. Proceedings will be made available for IGU members in a few weeks.

The LNG X series is one of IGU’s three flagship conferences and the only one that the organisation shares ownership with the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR). The LNG X series has grown into the most important and significant global LNG event with the key aim of conducting a technical and commercial event for the LNG industry.

This year’s conference was hosted by Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT) supported by the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) on behalf of Australia as an LNG exporting country. It was the second time Australia hosted the International Conference and Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas.
Russia to host LNG 2022

Prior to the LNG 18 opening in Perth an election was held deciding the host of the LNG International Conference & Exhibition to be held in 2022. The three owners, the International Gas Union (IGU), the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) announced at the LNG 18 opening that the LNG 2022 will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia in the spring of 2022.

The Chair of the LNG 18 Steering Committee and Immediate Past President of IGU, Mr Jérôme Ferrier, said the Steering Committee’s decision to hold LNG 2022 in Russia reflected the international gas industry’s esteem for Russia as an important and growing exporter of LNG.

Because the LNG market is expected to grow by an unprecedented 46 percent by 2021, the timing of LNG 2022 will be at an important stage of LNG growth and the global gas market.

The bid to host LNG 2022 was put forward by Gazprom and is supported by the authorities of St. Petersburg and the central government of Russia.

The LNG conference is held every three years and alternates between producing and consuming countries. The next LNG conference, LNG 2019, is scheduled for Shanghai, P.R. China on 1-5 April 2019.

Coordination Committee Corner: IGU World LNG Report 2016

The 2016 edition of the IGU World LNG Report was released Tuesday, 12 April at LNG 18 in Perth, Australia. The report is developed by the IGU LNG Committee and demonstrates how the global LNG industry is poised for growth and plays a key role in expanding access to natural gas in the world’s future energy mix. Natural gas is a vital energy resource that can lead to a lower carbon future, cleaner air in metropolitan areas, and a prosperous economic future.

Access the report here.
New IGU Case Studies report - Enabling Clean Energies

IGU is pleased to present the second in its series of “Case Study” reports, which presents case studies of how natural gas supports and enables the greater deployment of clean energies.

“Case Studies, Enabling Clean Energies” was submitted to the 2016 G20 Energy and Sustainability Working Group (ESWG) at its meeting in Shenzhen, China, 12-14 April.

Download the full report here.