MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear readers,

Happy New Year to all of you! We wish all of you a safe and prosperous 2020.

The year 2020 promises to be a very significant stepping stone year for the global natural gas industry and the IGU, particularly, as we prepare to host the next edition of the World Gas Conference, in Daegu, South Korea, in June, 2021. We also look forward to hosting the 2020 edition of the International Gas Research Conference (IGRC2020) in Muscat, Oman at the end of February this year.

Having reached the half way point of the Korea Presidency, we are happy to report that significant progress is being made towards fulfilling the strategic plan that was set out. We are pleased to have so many active industry experts actively participating in the 11 Committees and three Task Forces of the IGU as this is one of the key strengths of the IGU.

We also continue to Raise the Global Voice of Gas through our active engagement is the most significant global energy policy debates and fora. And 2020 will be no different with committed attendance to such events as CERAWeek 2020, BloombergNEF New Delhi Summit and co-hosting the IEF-IGU Gas Ministerial in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Let’s continue to work together in 2020 towards a sustainable energy future powered by gas.

Joe M. Kang, IGU President

Luis Bertran Rafecas, IGU Secretary General

AIR QUALITY REPORT 2019

IGU released its fourth edition of the Urban Air Quality series. The report highlights how the increased use of natural gas in industry, power generation, heating and transport can significantly reduce air pollution.

It includes case studies of three cities – Morbi, London, and Bogota
Urban Air Quality remains a major threat to human health and wellbeing across the globe. On average, pollution reduces global life expectancy by 1.8 years, which is worse than smoking and road accidents.

The 2019 Urban Air Quality report showcases three great cases of how change can be achieved, using natural gas as an effective tool for cleaning up the air. It is a formidable challenge, but not one that good governance, prudent policy, and a well-planned multi-stakeholder approach cannot solve.
particular, the COP decision was weak on ambition, struggled to deliver meaningful financing for climate adaptation and failed to operationalise Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, the crucial missing element of the “Paris Rulebook”.

The IGU hosted two side events during COP 25 event held in Madrid from 2 to 13 December 2019.

The first event hosted on 2 December at the Korea Country Pavilion showcased the environmental, economic, and societal value of natural gas transport fuel. IGU President, Prof. Joe Kang delivered a key note while three panelists, Marta Margarit Borras (Sedigas), Vasily Zinin (Gazprom), and Claudio Rodriguez, (GASNAM), shared their views on the topic.

The second side event took place at the host country Chile Country Pavilion, and highlighted amongst other global efforts, Chile’s commitment to air quality and GHG improvement through measures to increase renewables and natural gas and in its energy mix.

Secretary General Luis Bertran offered a keynote while Sara Moarif Acting Head, Environment and Climate Change IEA, Orlando Cabrales – Naturgas, Colombia, Sergey Turkin, Gazprom, RUSSIA, and Vincent Demoury, GLIGNL – FRANCE offered their views on the topic.

Tatiana Khanberg, IGU’s Manager, Public Affairs, presented the findings of the fourth edition of the Urban Air Quality report which was officially released during this event.

Carlos Cortes- AGN, Chile delivered the closing remarks

The IGU would like to thank both Charter members and speakers for their support and participation.
Presentations

ADDRESSING URBAN AIR QUALITY: THE CASE OF INDUSTRY IN INDIA

DELIVERING CLEAN TRANSPORT

RUSSIAN NGV MARKET DEVELOPMENT

THE ROLE OF GAS IN AIR QUALITY: THE SPANISH EXPERIENCE

UPCOMING RELEASES

As always we want our members to be the first to know what reports and global publications are coming up.

- Technology and Innovation Report - IGU/SNAM/BP/BCG
- IGU World LNG report 2020
- IGU Wholesale Price Survey 2020
We hope to see you at one of the next IGU events soon

IGRC2020 is taking place 24-26 February 2020, Sultanate of Oman.

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