MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear IGU members,

We have taken the prudent decision to postpone the Executive Committee Meeting which was scheduled for 22nd April 2020 in Prague, in light of the global impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The health and well-being of the IGU community, as well as that of our local host community, are the priority.

The Korea Presidency continues to advance the WGC2021 organizational work under difficult circumstances. In addition, our Chinese Vice-Presidency is busy preparing their triennium plans despite the extreme measures taken to ensure that the coronavirus is contained.

I would like to thank our host, the Czech Gas Association, for all their work and support in these challenging times.

Please keep safe and healthy.

Joe M. Kang

IGU President

SECRETARIAT OFFICE

As everyone is well aware, Spain is currently under lockdown. All of the Secretariat staff continue to
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia holds this year’s G20 Presidency. A very ambitious program has been developed under the theme of “Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All”.

The agenda of the Energy Sustainability Working Group (ESWG) is focused on the Circular Carbon Economy; covering the contribution of all energy sources to the 4 R’s of the Circular Carbon Economy, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Remove. In addition, the ESWG will address energy security and market stability for economic prosperity and livelihood.

Menelaos (Me) Ydreos, IGU Public Affairs Director, made presentations at the Circular Carbon Economy and Energy Security and Market Stability Workshops which were held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 5th/6th of March and participated in the 1st ESWG meeting on 7th/8th March.

The presentations were based on the following abstracts:

The Role of Gas Technologies in the Circular Carbon Economy
The IGU wishes to again express it’s appreciation to Oman LNG and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman for hosting IGRC2020 on February 24th-26th 2020 in Muscat.

The event hosted participants from 33 countries throughout the 3 days. This was world-class event that allowed the gas industry to discuss and share information on the technology developments that will ensure that gas plays a vital economic and environmental role in a sustainable future.
IGRC 2020 SUBMISSION WINNERS

We would like to bring special attention in this edition to the Newsletter to the IGRC2020 winners. Congratulations for the exceptional work!

BEST PRESENTATION AWARD

Topic: TECHNOLOGIES IN UPSTREAM OF THE NATURAL GAS VALUE CHAIN
Winner: Mr. Sander Gersen (DNV- GL), The Netherlands
Title: Hydrogen as a fuel for heating process

WINNERS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHER’S PRIZE

1. Topic: TECHNOLOGIES IN UPSTREAM OF THE NATURAL GAS VALUE CHAIN
Winner: Ali Al Siyabi and Ahmed Ibrahim Albalushi (Higher College of Technology Muscat), Oman
Title: Experimental Investigations of Solar Biogas Digester to Optimize Performance

2. Topic: TECHNOLOGIES IN DOWNSTREAM OF THE NATURAL GAS VALUE CHAIN
Winner: Naoyuki Kato (TOHO GAS CO., LTD.), Japan
Title: Development of “STREAM Method” (Replacement trenchless methods)

3. Topic: CROSS-CUTTING TECHNOLOGIES
Winner: Amelie LOUVAT (GRTgaz), France
Title: Development of Standardized methods for the Analysis of Ammonia, Terpenes, and Amines in biomethane

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
- Security and Reliability of Electricity Supply: A case study of Ontario, Canada
- 2020 World LNG Report
- 2020 Wholesale Price Survey Report

The IGU magazine is going digital with the first issue released mid-year.

We hope to see you at one of the next IGU events soon

The WGC 2021 exhibition space is filling up fast, maximise your brand at the largest global gas event in Daegu, Korea from 21-25 June 2021!

87% of exhibition space from the last event in Washington DC (WGC 2018) is already reserved and
only 12 main aisle stand locations remain. Enquire today at exhibition@wgc2021.org before it's too late.

We've also just announced a new wave of global energy thought leaders that will speak at WGC 2021. View the full list of plenary speakers here and for any further information contact the WGC Team at info@wgc2021.org

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