THE SULTANATE OF OMAN TO HOST IGRC 2020

We are delighted to announce that the Sultanate of Oman is the newly elected host for IGRC 2020, selected from several very professional bids received. We congratulate OmanLNG and the bidding team and wish them success in the preparations leading up to the event.

Press release can be found [here](#)

IGU PRESENCE AT THE 24th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP 24)
During COP 24, we were present to speak for gas and highlight its contribution to delivering clean air, a topic that featured extremely prominently in Katowice’s gathering.

The IGU hosted an important urban air quality event at the Korea Pavilion and participated in a similar panel organized by PGNiG at the Polish Pavilion. We also partnered for the first time with the New Energy Coalition and Ecofys and delivered an exciting event that discussed key global developments in renewable, synthetic and hydrogen gases, at the EU Pavilion.

All in all, we had a very productive time at COP24 and were pleased with its outcomes achieved, which included not only the public-facing events but also a number of productive meetings with stakeholders that we hope will lead to new and strengthened strategic relationships.

G20 NEWS

The first joint session of the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG) and Environment Senior Officials Meeting (ESOM) was held on February 12th and 13th in Tokyo, Japan.

Menelaos (Mel) Ydreos, Director, Public Affairs lead the IGU delegation at this meeting and presented the latest industry developments, spoke on the issue of energy security of supply and LNG bunkering.

The presentation can be found here

DIPLOMATIC GAS FORUM OSLO

The Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (MPE), The Norwegian Oil and Gas Association (NOROG) and International Gas Union (IGU), hosted on January 10th, a Diplomatic Gas Forum with a focus on "Norwegian gas – in a growing global market"

The discussions focused on the role of gas today and in the sustainable energy future, and particularly on the role of the Norwegian natural gas in a growing global market as a contributor to the long-term solution of the climate challenge.

It was a successful event with over 50 embassy
IGU Secretary General Luis Bertran Rafecas represented the International Gas Union at the event delivering a keynote speech presentation which can be found [here](#).

**IGU COMMITTEE CORNER**

The IGU Committees and Task Forces kicked off their work with their first meetings in the fall, where they adopted the plans to address important global gas topics, aligned with the IGU’s strategy and advocacy priorities. We are very pleased that we have such a distinguished group of committee leaders, supported by talented teams of industry professionals and look forward to learning more about their projects as they progress throughout the triennium.

We encourage and welcome further nominations to these Committees. Please contact Mr. Jeongwook Khang, Chairman of the Coordination Committee 2018-2021 ([jwkhang@wgc2021.kr](mailto:jwkhang@wgc2021.kr)).

**Committees & Task Forces Spring Schedule:**

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representatives attending.
JOIN THE LNG INDUSTRY IN SHANGHAI THIS APRIL AT LNG2019

There are now just a few weeks to go until Shanghai welcomes thousands of LNG professionals to the industry’s flagship event - LNG2019. Taking place 1-5 April, it is the only place you will hear from China's big three energy giants this year, alongside over 240 international energy leaders.

Paper Topics have now been announced on the event website for all Commercial and Technical Paper Sessions and the Research & Innovation Showcase - full papers will also be released to delegates one week before the event. Book your delegate place today.

Registration Enquiries:
Visit: lng2019.com/registration
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Tel: +44 (0) 20 7978 0006

IGU Charter Members benefit from one discounted place to attend the conference - contact ajordan@thecwcgroup.com today if you haven’t already claimed allocated yours.

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

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

We have relocated our office

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