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WPC Council Meeting in St Petersburg, 14th -18th September

The Russian National Committee is making good progress on preparing for the annual WPC Council meeting in St Petersburg this year. The meeting will be held at the Nevskij Palace Hotel on the 17th September with the EC and CPC meetings taking place there on the 15th and 16th September. The YC will also have an informal meeting on the 16th September.



A number of revision documents have already been uploaded onto the WPC Council pages in preparation of our Annual Meeting. A high level governmental delegation from the Russian Federation has been invited to address the participants following the Council meeting on the 17th September.

WPC members wishing to attend the biannual RAO/CIS Arctic Offshore Technology Conference will receive complimentary access to the first Plenary Session on the 15th September at Smolny Cathedral. A full preview of the meetings and presentations is also available from the Council pages. In addition, our Russian hosts have been putting together an outstanding programme of visits and sight seeing activities for all WPC members and their partners planning to attend.

Booking your room: The National Committee has secured accommodation at the meeting venue, the Nevskij Palace Hotel, with further rooms held at the Novotel next door. Bookings have to be made as soon as possible. A reservation form is available from the Council pages of the WPC website or from korneff@yandex.ru who can also help with visa support.

St Petersburg Programme—WPC Council Meeting 2009

Monday, 14 th	Arrival and transfer from airport to hotels
Tuesday, 15 th	Executive Committee Meeting All Day: Sightseeing Tour of St Petersburg Evening: Ice Breaking Party
Wednesday, 16 th	CPC and Youth Committee Meetings Excursion to Peterhof or Tsarskoe Selo
Thursday, 17 th	WPC Council Meeting Evening: Visit to the ballet or opera
Friday, 18 th	Departure and transfers from hotels to airport



A highlight will be a visit to the ballet or theatre in St Petersburg

Energise your Future - online network providing great discussions

Phase 1 of the second WPC Youth Forum, 'Energise your Future' was the set up of an online networking community at 'energisemynetwork'. Accessible by registering on the official website at www.energiseyourfuture.com there are now over 500 young people actively discussing their views on the main themes selected for this event.



They are providing a unique perspective on the industry by taking a reality check of tomorrow's energy picture, examining the fundamentals and barriers of a truly sustainable and ethical energy industry and considering how to

match their skills to tomorrow's leadership. Of course these discussions are open to anyone with an interest in exploring the future scenarios for the oil and gas industry.

How Students can attend for free

But this is also a social network which will enable the students and young professionals in the industry to contact one another to exchange ideas and engage in debate, as well as actively contribute to the agenda of the youth forum in Paris. Of the 1,000 participants expected at the event, 300 students will be selected from those most actively participating in the Energise Your Future community.

From the 18—20 November 2009 they will all be gathering in Paris for face to face discussions with each other and industry leaders from around the world. The event will act as a platform to enable young professionals from the oil and gas sector to debate with their peers and senior decision makers about the major issues and challenges facing the industry in the coming years. The CEOs of Total, Schlumberger, GDF Suez, Russia's Rosneft, Sonangol and ONGC from India have already confirmed their attendance and will be engaging in an open dialogue with the young audience.

The event will have a major focus on participative communication, enabling younger members of the industry to engage with strategic forward-thinking with a wide range of international experts, think tanks, NGOs, students and academics to grow understanding of how the industry is evolving, the opportunities it offers and what roles everyone needs to play.

2nd WPC Youth Forum: Registration live from 15th June

Participants of the online discussions on Energise My Network and young people from around the world can now register at www.energiseyourfuture.org to join the live discussions during the 2nd WPC Youth Forum in Paris from the 18—20 November 2009. The delegate rate is €500 per person.

Countries or companies wishing to send delegations comprising young professionals, students and senior experts are requested to contact the organisers at the French National Committee of WPC directly via stephanie.persenda@aftp.net

Call for 20th WPC Chair Nominations

The Congress Programme Committee for the 20th World Petroleum Congress in Doha in 2011 has prepared a programme outline with a list of topics and descriptions for the five technical blocks for the next Congress.

All National Committees are now invited to propose their nominations for industry leaders and experts as Chairs, Vice Chairs, Moderators and Best Practice Keynote Speakers for the listed sessions. Nominations have to be made via the online form on the WPC website at <http://217.199.170.94/wpc/input.asp>



The password for WPC member access is [wpcqatar2009](#) You will also find the list of topics with full descriptions and role descriptions of the various functions there. Interested companies should contact their relevant National Committee to ensure consideration of their nominations.

Deadline for nominations

All nominations have to be received by the 28th August, 2009. Only online nominations can be considered for selection.

Programme schedule for 20th WPC

An overview of the key programme deadlines for the 20th WPC is listed here:

NC nominations for Chairs / VCs	April – 28 August 2009
CPC03, St Petersburg	16 th September 2009
Call for Papers	January – October 2010
CPC04, tba	March 2010
CPC05, tba	October 2010
Chairs select papers and posters	November 2010
Notification of selected authors	January 2011
CPC06, tba	March 2011
Final papers due	July 2011
Speaker's Registration deadline	October 2011
Posters due	October 2011
20th WPC, Doha	4-8 December 2011

20th WPC commences active promotion of the next Congress

The organising team of the 20th World Petroleum Congress took the opportunity to actively promote the date and first outline of the selected programme issues during the 24th Gas-tech Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi from the 25-28 May where they were presented with a major stand.

A number of key events have already been selected for further promotion of the 20th WPC in 2009:



24th World Gas Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina	5-9 October
Offshore Middle East, Manama, Bahrain	27-29 October
SAOGE 2009, Dammam, Saudi Arabia	1-3 November
International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC), Doha, Qatar	7-9 December

Slovenia hosts 4th SNNK-WPC Workshop in Portorož

Once again the Slovenian National Committee is inviting its neighbours and fellow WPC National Committee members to join them for the 4th SNNK-WPC Workshop in Portorož from the 21-23 October.

Every two years the Slovenian National Committee organises this event at Slovenia's Adriatic coast, to present and discuss key topics affecting the petroleum industry in South Eastern Europe. This year's event: is dedicated to "Responses of the Petroleum Industry in South Eastern Europe to the changing business environment". The two-day event will be devoted to the uncertain outlook of the petroleum industry in South Eastern Europe due to the financial and economic shock in late 2008. Security of supply, price volatility, under-investment, environment constrains and corporate social responsibility (CSR) all have an important role in managing the oil industry, and will be discussed by industry experts and politicians in this region.

WPC's President Dr Randy Gossen will open the event with a keynote, while Dr Pierce Riemer will examine the Global Outlook for Synthetic Fuels in his presentation.



2007: Dr Randy Gossen with Rilwanu Lukman and the Slovenian hosts

WPC Strategic Panel at World Gas Conference in Buenos Aires

24th World Gas Conference, Buenos Aires, 5 – 9 October 2009

The World Petroleum Council has been invited by its sister organisation the International Gas Union to contribute to the World Gas Conference in Argentina with a Strategic Panel on a topical subject. WPC has put together a high level panel to discuss Gas to Liquids (GTL) and Unconventional Sources of Liquid Fuels. SP 9 takes place on Friday, 9th October at 9.45

GTL ventures have, like other infrastructure projects, suffered ill-effects from unstable oil prices and the overheating construction, equipment and labour markets; and while prices have recently fallen, costs haven't yet dropped proportionately. Several proposed schemes have been abandoned or deferred. There is a school of thought that GTL, for the foreseeable future, will remain a niche industry. But it's a niche with great potential for growth. Yet, prospects in the immediate future are constrained by frozen credit markets, high costs and sharply lower – and volatile – crude oil prices.

But GTL is not exactly a new industry. The Fischer-Tropsch process was discovered in 1923 by a German chemist, Franz Fischer, and his Czech-born partner, Hans Tropsch, at the Mulheim's Kaiser Wilhelm Institute and historically GTL has a good track record at making headway despite difficult market conditions.

So, the fundamental ideas and technology are not new and there have been significant technical advances in recent years. This panel will look at the prospects for GTL to 2030 and beyond but also look at this in the context of competition from other "unconventional fuels". This will include the contribution from the coal industry and the prospects for CTL, from the bio fuels industry BTL and also the production of synthetic fuels from unconventional sources such as the Canadian oil sands and the Venezuela extra heavy oils of the Orinoco Belt. The panel will then conclude on a summary of progress at the Worlds Centre for GTL commercialisation in Qatar.

Moderator:

Dr Randy Gossen, President, World Petroleum Council

The Panellists:

Dr Pierce Riemer, Director General of WPC
—Conventional GTL prospects

Mr Serge Perineau, President of the World CTL Institute
—Conventional CTL prospects

Mr Rogerio Manso, Executive Vice President, Sales, Trading & Logistics, Brazil Renewable Energy Co (BENCO)
—Challenges and future perspectives for biofuel derived sources of energy

Mr Pedro Leon, Orinoco Belt Extra Heavy Crude Development, PDVSA
—Heavy Oils

Mr Howard Bevan, Senior Business Planner, Qatar Petroleum
—The current state of GTL

Each panellist will have about fifteen minutes to present their perspective of the issue, followed by questions and answers and a final sum up by the Moderator.

An open letter from the YC Chair: Engaging Youth in the 20th Congress

Dear WPC members,

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the WPC Youth Committee, for which we are very grateful. This is seen clearly in your commitment to involve your representatives in our WPC Youth Committee as well as your plans to send your young people to join us for the WPC Youth Forum later this year.

One of the opportunities to continue showing your support for our activities will be in the preparation for the next Congress in Qatar. In addition to your respected nominees for the 20th WPC we would also like to encourage you to consider nominating young people from your companies, organisations and countries as chairs and vice chairs for the Congress forums and other sessions. We believe that will be highly appreciated and send a positive message to the youth involved in our industry world wide.

Thank you for your consideration and we welcome your continued engagement with us in order to design a sustainable future.

On behalf of the WPC-YC

Wail A. Mousa, PhD

Chairman of the World Petroleum Council—Youth Committee

IPIECA launches new Publications

IPIECA, the industry association representing the oil and gas sector on global environmental and social issues, has issued a number of new reports. WPC members can access these reports via the link on the WPC website or directly from www.ipieca.org

IPIECA has produced an overview of biofuel manufacture and use, which also highlights key sustainability principles and concerns. The guide is can be downloaded from the website under:

- ♦ **Biofuels, Sustainability and the Petroleum Industry**

The latest reports also include two new publications from the OGP-IPIECA Health Committee:

- ♦ **Health Aspects of Work in Extreme Climates: A Guide for Oil and Gas Industry Managers and Supervisors**
- ♦ **A Guide to Food and Water Safety for the Oil and Gas Industry**

WPC members are invited to provide input into an update of the 2005 IPIECA/API **Oil and Gas Industry Guidance on Sustainability Reporting**. The second edition will bring greater precision to indicator definitions and voluntary sustainability reporting protocols to encourage more comparable reporting. This will help companies facilitate benchmarking and promote performance improvements.

Input and feedback, including suggestions for potential improvement areas are needed on the existing Guidance document from 2005 to enhance development of the second edition and you and your experts are invited to contribute with your recommendations. Please go to http://www.ipieca.org/activities/reporting/downloads/press_release.doc for further details. The public comment period remains open until August 15.

WPC addressed successful Student Summit in Calgary

From the 11-13 June, Calgary hosted the International Student Energy Summit (ISES), a global forum focusing on sustainable resource management and the role that students will play in defining the future of energy development. Approximately 350 university students from North America, Asia, Europe and Latin America came to the Telus Convention Centre to participate in the summit, which included breakout sessions with expert speakers on issues facing the industry, breaking into the energy sector and the challenges of implementing change.



Dr Pierce Riemer, WPC Director General, addressing ISES

The sheer scale of change in the world is the biggest challenge facing all industries, and in particular the energy sector, said Pierce Riemer, Director General of the World Petroleum Council in the Opening Panel on the Effect of Climate Change on Business Strategy. Even with the recession dampening demand, global consumption of oil is a massive 83 million barrels per day, Riemer explained to the young audience. "In China and India alone, over 500 million people will move out of poverty over the next 20 years," he said. "The world has no experience of industrialization of this scale." An aging workforce, public calls for zero-emission energy sources, and meeting political, economic and social expectations associated with energy development also present challenges to the industry, he noted.

The President of WPC, Dr Randy Gossen, was later joined by students from Australia, Colombia, India and Canada in the Leader's Dialogue on Fuelling the Future of Energy. Together



Students gather information on WPC

with the newly appointed Special Advisor to WPC's Board, Catherine McGregor, and the former President of Mexico, Vicente Fox, they discussed key issues in the energy sector regarding technology and innovation; finance, regulation and sustainability; and global energy cooperation.

WPC's promotion of its own Youth Forum later in the year attracted a lot of attention from the young people, many of which were interested in participating in the online discussions at Energise My Network and planning to attend the event in Paris in November.

WPC appoints publisher of yearbook

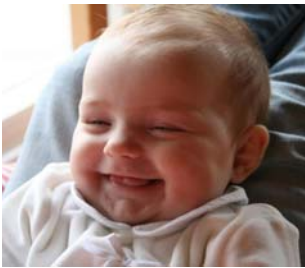
The World Petroleum Council has appointed Silverstone Communications to produce the official WPC handbook for 2009. As the publishing date will coincide with the 2nd WPC Youth Forum "Energise Your Future" in November, it will focus on youth and the industry, providing young people and those interested in the energy industry with a modern look at the oil and gas sector and its operations.

In line with the topics of the 'Energise Your Future' event, it will address not only the basics of how the industry works, but will also look at the role of the petroleum sector on issues such as sustainability, social responsibility, corporate governance and the role and opportunities for young people in the global oil and gas industry.

Copies will be available online in November 2009.

WPC—Introducing the next generation

The WPC Youth committee is taking a very pro-active approach to providing youth input into the petroleum industry. Two members have recently given birth to the next generation.



With such mothers as Ingvild Meland from Norway and Arancha Garcia-Martin from Spain, they will hopefully consider the petroleum industry a worthwhile and engaging opportunity for their future careers!

Ingvild's daughter Lotta was born on February 19th and is growing fast, learning new things

every day, while Ingvild is enjoying her maternity leave.

Arancha is already back at work as she had her son Alfonso on the 4th December, so he is now 6 months old. A happy soul, he smiles a lot and likes his fruit and vegetables.



We would like to congratulate both on their new arrivals and wish them all the very best!

News from the Members

Directory. There have been a number of changes in the WPC's National Committees and an updated Members Directory has been sent out to all the Committees and is now available from the official website at www.world-petroleum.org

France—October 28-29. AFTP is once again organising the Journées Annuelles du Pétrole in Paris. English interpretation will be provided. The programme is available from the French NC Secretary at stephanie.persenda@aftp.net

India—October. The Indian National Committee is holding a two day conference on Gas Storage in New Delhi. Further information is available from the NC Secretary Mr Vivek Kumar Dewangan at vk.dewangan@nic.in

Kazakhstan—September 17-18 Kazenergy is organising the 4th international Eurasian Energy Forum in Astana. Interested parties are welcome to contact Ms Meruyert Bafina at m_bafina@yahoo.com

Pakistan—October 20-21. The Petroleum Institute of Pakistan is organizing the Pakistan & Regional Energy Forum at the Pearl Continental Hotel in Karachi, Pakistan. Full details are available from <http://www.iirme.com/pip/index.html>

Slovenia—October 21-23. The Slovenian National Committee hosts the 4th SNNK-WPC Workshop in Portorož. WPC members can register for free with jan.dobrilovic@petrol.si

WPC Newsletter

This is the newsletter of the World Petroleum Council (WPC) for all its National Committee members, friends and partners. WPC is a forum for the pursuit of best practice in petroleum science, technology, economics and management. We welcome your views and your contributions to this newsletter. Please keep us updated with any activities of your National Committees and forward any news to Ulrike von Lonski at:

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Upcoming Call for Papers

LNG 16 in Oran, Algeria—April 18-21, 2010. The conference programme will cover the entire LNG chain and look at the challenges, trends and main developments in the industry. Deadline is extended till the Abstracts should be submitted via the LNG16 website at <http://www.lng16.org/Ingform.php>

Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, USA—May 3-6 2010. SPE is now inviting abstract submissions for OTC.10. Proposals can be submitted via <http://www.otcnet.org/2010/> before the 1st September 2009.

World Energy Congress, Montréal, Canada—September 12-16, 2010. The World Energy Council has issued a Call for Papers to provide a coherent forum in which to present research results and synthesis, and to encourage in-depth discussions on topics identified as crucial under the Congress theme: *Responding now to Global Challenges - Energy in transition for a Living Planet*. Authors are invited to submit papers on one of 22 challenges that fall under the four headings at <http://www.wecmontreal2010.ca/en/home.html> before January 15, 2010.

World Petroleum twitters!

WPC is embracing the new technologies and has started a test run on twitter. We will be twittering some of the latest news and current updates via our own twitter account. You can follow us by logging in and joining the service from the WPC home page at <http://www.world-petroleum.org>

Speaking Engagements—Spring 2009

The President and Director General of WPC have accepted a number of invitations to give presentations in the second part of 2009 at the following events:

Oct 5-9 Buenos Aires, Argentina—World Gas Congress
WPC will be hosting a Round Table on Gas to Liquids (GTL) and Unconventional Sources of Liquid Fuels and will be launching the promotion of the 20th WPC.

Oct 21-23 Portorož, Slovenia—4th SNNK-WPC Workshop

Diary Dates

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

Aug 28—Deadline for Chair nominations at 20th WPC

Sep 14-18, St Petersburg— Council Meeting & WPC Committee Meetings

Sep 15 —EC Meeting

Sep 16 —CPC & YC Meetings

Sep 17 —Council Meeting

Nov 18-20, Paris— 2nd WPC Youth Forum “Energise Your Future”

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