

Developing cleaner technology for a sustainable future



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Alfonso Cortina, president and CEO of Repsol YPF, a gold sponsor of the 17th WPC, says that the theme of the Congress (Petroleum Industry: Excellence and Responsibility in Serving Society) accurately reflects the atmosphere in which the petroleum and natural gas industries will have to develop their activities in the coming years. "The growing requirements regarding the nature and quantity of atmospheric emissions and wastes during production, transport and consumption of oil products and natural gas, will steer to the use of very sophisticated technologies," states Cortina.

On the other hand, Repsol YPF CEO believes that regarding the social

responsibility of shareholders, employees and clients of the industries should be taken into high consideration in our companies by implementing managerial systems focused on satisfying the stakeholders.

According to Cortina, "the objective of producing a more economic and ecological energy with fossil fuels, particularly in the case of petrol and

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natural gas, will give place to a quick and wide diffusion of a cleaner technology, whose application will contribute to a sustainable future for these fuels that, during future decades, will continue as significant components of the primary energy group," Cortina notes.

Environmental protection

About oil and gas industry trends and challenges, Cortina says that supply

security, stable prices and environmental protection are shared world-wide concerns. The revenues of producing countries depend on the easy access of their products to the main markets, while economic growth and prosperity of consumer countries require reliable and economically accessible supplies. For him, in all cases, environmental protection is considered one of the pillars of sustainable development.

Cortina says that the celebration of the Rio de Janeiro congress will make possible to discuss the advantages of regional energy integration whose implementation will permit supplying energy to geographical areas lacking resources from producing areas possibly located in other countries, with improved investment conditions and energy costs for all. "Likewise, the Congress will give a magnificent opportunity to exchange ideas on the role of legal framework and the regulatory institutions in attracting private capital for financing specific energy projects, as well as in preventing possible problems in situations of strong vertical disintegration," he explains.

IP to publish proceedings

The Institute of Petroleum (IP) has been retained as publisher of the World Petroleum Congress Proceedings. The IP published the 16th WPC Proceedings in 2000, and will publish the complete proceedings from the 17th WPC. This document will provide a record of the event in its entirety, including the opening and closing ceremonies, the plenary papers, review and forecast papers, technical forum papers, posters

and interactive technology presentations. A CD-ROM of the proceedings will be included with the complete Five Volume Set.

"We are delighted to have retained the services of the Institute of Petroleum as publishers of the 2002 WPC Proceedings. They have an international reputation as publishers of technical standards and information for the petroleum industry, making them the ideal partner for WPC," says

Pierce Riemer, Director General of WPC.

The 17th WPC Proceedings will be available at a special discounted price for delegates attending the event in Rio. To reserve a copy of the 17th WPC Proceedings, contact the IP's distributors, Portland Press Limited, UK, by calling (+44 0) 1206 796 351 or (+44 0) 1206 799 331 (fax). You can also send an e-mail to sales@portland-services.com