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Madrid to Host the 19th World Petroleum Congress

Spain has been selected to host the most prestigious event in the international oil and gas industry in 2008. Held every three years, the World Petroleum Congress is often referred to as the 'Olympics of the petroleum industry'.

Dr. Pierce Riemer, Director General of the World Petroleum Council, the organisation behind the Congress, provided this background: "The previous Congress was held in Johannesburg in 2005. The 18th World Petroleum Congress attracted more than 3500 delegates, over 500 speakers and 400 exhibitors including high level government delegations and key decision makers from leading NOCs and the largest international companies such as Saudi Aramco, Petrobras, CNPC, Sonatrach, Gazprom, BP, Chevron, ExxonMobil, PDVSA, Schlumberger, Shell, Total and many more. We are excited about bringing the Congress to Spain for the first time and look forward to another groundbreaking event for the petroleum industry."

WPC Meets the King of Spain

In January, the Spanish National Committee hosted the members of the Executive and Congress Programme Committees for meetings in Madrid. As a special highlight of the meetings and a fitting start to the work on the 19th WPC, the Spanish Organising Committee arranged a meeting with H.M. Juan Carlos, the King of Spain. The King invited the Executive Committee members and the Organising Committee for the 19th WPC, led by Antonio Brufau, the CEO of Repsol YPF, to the Zarzuela palace. In his address to the visitors from the WPC the King acknowledged the importance of the petroleum industry for Spain and he confirmed his personal participation at the 19th WPC in Madrid in 2008 and promised to join the Honorary Committee for the Congress.

Official Theme Chosen for the Next Congress

In 2008, the official theme for the 19th World Petroleum Congress has been chosen as: **A World in Transition: Delivering Energy for Sustainable Growth**

The Congress Programme Committee is currently preparing a wide-ranging Technical Programme to recognize the scientific, technological and professional achievements of the petroleum industry. High-level plenaries from leading industry decision makers, interactive Round Tables and in-depth Forums and Posters on a wide variety of industry aspects will address the status quo and the main challenges the sector is facing. Best Practice Keynotes on the main issues in the upstream, downstream, natural gas, renewables and management of the industry will add further to the quality of the programme.

Key issues such as balancing the requirements of supply and demand, social and environmental responsibilities of the industry and ensuring the attraction and retention of the next generation of professionals will be addressed throughout the four days of the Congress. The Official Opening Ceremony will set the standard for the week, with the Spanish Night and the Dewhurst Lecture promising to provide special highlights for the Congress.

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Sponsors Already Confirmed for the Congress

Three companies have already signed contracts to sponsor the 19th WPC. Repsol YPF will be the Host sponsor of the Congress and will also host the Opening Ceremony. CEPSA has confirmed as the Co-host Sponsor and they will host the Spanish Night and Gas Natural as Gold Sponsor will host the Welcome Reception.



19th World Petroleum Congress
Promotion Calendar

Ivan Cieker, Deputy
Executive Director, 19th WPC
and Dr. Pierce Riemer,
Director General, WPC at the
19th WPC stand in
Amsterdam

World Gas Congress 2006 (5-9 June), Amsterdam, Netherlands

The 19th WPC team was present with a stand at the World Gas Congress held in Amsterdam in June. The Congress is organized on behalf of the International Gas Union (IGU) who celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2006. The IGU has 86 members from 66 countries and regions and representing 95% of all gas sales and it is the world's most important non-governmental and non-profit gas organisation. The WPC Director General participated in the programme together with the CEOs and the Chairmen of some of the largest global gas operators.

The exhibitors at the event included major players in the industry which attracted visitors and delegates from all over the world. The 19th WPC team promoted the next Congress at the stand and also met with some of the

key decision makers from companies such as ConocoPhillips, GE Energy, ExxonMobil, Petronas, Shell and Qatar Petroleum.

Global Petroleum Show (13-15 June), Calgary, Canada

The 19th WPC team were also present with a stand in Calgary at the Global Petroleum Show 2006 (GPS), one of the most significant petroleum events in the industry calendar. The event attracted nearly 50,000 attendees from 85 countries, with 1,500 exhibiting companies. The 19th WPC worked closely with the Canadian National Committee to promote the next Congress in Madrid to the Government of Alberta and companies such as Halliburton, Weatherford and BW Technologies. The WPC President, Dr. Randy Gossen, was invited to give a keynote speech during the event.



From left: Dr. Randy Gossen, President, WPC, Dr. Renato Bertani, Chairman, Congress Programme Committee for 19th WPC, Dr. Pierce Riemer, Director General, WPC, David Boone, President, Escavar Energy Inc. at the 19th WPC stand in Calgary

Upcoming Events.....

Over the next few months the 19th World Petroleum Congress team will be promoting the Congress at the following events:

22-25 August

ONS 2006, Stavanger, Norway

11-14 September

Rio Oil & Gas Expo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Visit our stand no. A3 in Pavilion 3 and attend the 19th WPC Press Conference to be held on the 12th of September

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