Four nights of entertainment and networking

Unforgettable moments await 17th WPC delegates. The social events were planned with the objective of offering networking opportunities as well as great fun.

September 1 - Opening Ceremony*
A Brazilian art exhibit and 20 gourmet islands serving typical food will be set up in one of the most prestigious show houses of Rio. Guests will hear the best of Brazilian classical and popular music with the Petrobras Pró-Musica Orchestra and other great names of Brazilian music. Also on the night's programme are acrobats and a show featuring stars of Brazilian popular music. The function will also be the stage for an address by the President of Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

September 3 - Brazilian Night
The Glória Marina, one of the city's most beautiful sites, will provide the scenario for an unforgettable party, full of surprises, magic and splendour. Different environments will be set up, showcasing the culture and art of Brazil. Brazilian music and dance groups will present a great variety of beats and melodies that promise to contagion the guests. A cornucopia of the best typical Brazilian food and beverages will be served on self-service buffets.

September 4 - Maracanã Night*
In the world's largest stadium, delegates will be able to watch an exciting football match between Brazilian and international stars. Among the night's attractions is a grand samba and carnival show. One of Rio de Janeiro's most traditional samba associations will parade in the stadium.

September 5 - Closing Ceremony*
On the last day, delegates will be able to relive on video the best moments of the Congress. There will also be performances given by rhythmic percussionists and capoeira and folk dancers. Guests will be treated to a show of typical Brazilian music as well. To cap it all, the night, in addition to a cocktail party, will feature a video in homage to South Africa, the 18th WPC host country.

*Though these events are included in the registration fee, you must register if you wish to attend them.

Tickets for the Brazilian Night:
Admission to the events may be bought through our Website, a fax message, or when filling out the registration form found in the Registration Brochure.

If you registered on-line but at the time chose not to purchase the admission ticket for the Brazilian Night, you can still do so at our Website, using your password and registration number. Otherwise, you can send an e-mail message to wpc2002@zj.com.br. The same applies to the other social events.

How to pay: Bank deposit or credit card

Statoil and Schlumberger win the WPC Awards

Seventy-eight projects by companies from around the world were proposed for the WPC Excellence Awards, a prize launched this year for the 17th World Petroleum Congress. The winner in the category for Technological Development was Statoil from Norway with the project Underground CO2 Storage. In the area of Social Responsibility the winning company was Schlumberger, with the project Schlumberger Programme of Excellence in Educational Development (SEED).

"Winning the WPCEA represents another achievement for the project itself and we see it as an acknowledgement of both approach to the climate challenge and the measures implemented in our operations to mitigate CO2 emissions," says Stig Bergseth, Senior Vice President Health, Safety and Environment of Statoil. About the project, Bergseth notes that it is innovative in several dimensions: The way technology has been upgraded to suit the constraints on an offshore production facility; the integration of natural gas production, removing/capturing the CO2 and re-injecting it into the Utensa aquifer.

SEED is a science education program created in 1998 and sustained by Schlumberger employees, who have implemented it in the places where they live and work. "We are proud to receive this award. It is a wonderful recognition of the approximately 450 employee and spouse volunteers who have had the vision and motivation to establish SEED," says Carlos Duarte, Schlumberger Managing Director of Brazil.

Highly Commended

- Technological Development
  - Phillips Petroleum Company, with Phillips Zorb Sulfur Removal Technology for Gasoline & Diesel
  - Technip-Coflexip, with the project Deepwater Flexible Risers & Flowlines for FPSO-based Field Developments.
- Social Responsibility
  - PDVSA, with Social Investment Project for Hydrological Basins
  - Tecpetrol, with the work Tecpetrol: Ten Years of Community Service.