Call for Papers – Just one more month to go!

Over 400 abstract proposals have already been received for the Forum presentations at the 18th World Petroleum Congress. Industry experts and specialists from around the globe have sent in their outlines for the 24 Forum themes drawing on their extensive scientific knowledge and managerial experiences. The WPC Congress Programme Committee is delighted with the excellent uptake and urges all interested parties to visit the official web site www.18wpc.com or www.wpcpubs.org and register their proposals by the 1st October.

Special Sessions added to enhance WPC’s Technical Programme

After extensive industry consultation WPC has decided to add a number of Special Sessions to expand on the themes addressed in the Technical Programme. A special round table will be discussing how to recruit and retain young people in the industry, with some interesting feedback expected from the first WPC Youth Forum in Beijing later this year, which will also seek the views of young people on sustaining the industry. Other round tables will focus on Reserves and Resources, Gas Distribution and the work of Associations and Institutes. A special focus on the host continent will be addressed in a meeting on African Energy Co-operation, as well as in the Social Responsibility Forum which is designed to address the many social issues facing the African petroleum industry. Full details will be available closer to the date on the official web site.

Sonangol Co-Hosts of the 18th WPC

Sonangol who are responsible for the management of oil and gas reserves in Angola and also a leader in the continuing drive for the development of Angola will co-host the 18th WPC alongside NNPC and PetroSA. As part of their contract they will co-sponsor the official Opening Ceremony and will also have a stand of 180sqm alongside the other WPC member countries. Sonangol will also be assisting the South African Congress Programme Committee and are committed to making a significant contribution to the Congress programme.

A Focus on Young People

- the 1st WPC Youth Forum in Beijing, 17-20 October

The characteristics of Youth such as active thinking, sensitivity to new issues and powerful innovation potential, are vitally important to the future of the petroleum industry. A key on-going challenge for the international petroleum industry is to attract and retain young people. The Chinese National Committee for WPC has been designated to organize the first WPC Youth Forum in Beijing. The chosen theme is: “Youth & Innovation - the Future of the Petroleum Industry”

About 500 delegates including executive officers, senior experts, scholars, young professionals and students from the global petroleum
and energy industry are expected to attend the event and will engage in discussions with Young People from over 40 countries. Among the top delegates, Mr. Qu Geping, Chairman of China Foundation for Environmental Protection, Mr. George Verberg, Chairman of International Gas Union (IGU), Mr. Mohammad Alipour-Jeddi, Head of Petroleum Market Analysis at OPEC, Mr. Wang Jiming, Vice President of SINOPEC, Vice Chairman and President of Sinopec Corp, Mr. Zhou Jiping, Vice President of CNPC, Mr. Takaaki Yamaguchi, Chairman of Japanese National Committee for WPC, Mr. Eivald Røren, President, and Mr. Randall G Gossen, Vice President of WPC, will contribute keynote addresses during the Forum, while many organizations and companies, such as Saudi Petroleum, BP, ConocoPhillips, Schlumberger, Halliburton, CNPC, SINOPEC, CNOOC, SINOCHEN will also take part in the event.

To participate in the technical sessions, the exhibition and an exciting social events programme, please contact the organizers on Tel: +86 10 6209 5579 or 5447, Fax +86 10 6202 7182 or consult the official web site on http:// www.wpcyouthforum.com

18th WPC Exhibition Space 60% Sold Out

60% of the exhibition space has already been booked at this stage. Confirmed exhibitors include companies such as ChevronTexaco - CNOOC China - CNPC China – ENI - GE Energy – Kellogg Brown & Root/Halliburton - Kuwait Petroleum Corporation - National Oil Corporation of Libya - Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation - ONGC Videsh India – PetroSA - Qatar Petroleum – Sasol - Saudi Aramco - Schlumberger - Sinochem China - Sinopec China - SONANGOL - SONATRACH - Statoil - Total - Weatherford.

18th World Petroleum Congress Promotion Calendar

24-27 August Offshore Northern Seas (ONS 2004) Conference & Exhibition, Stavanger, Norway

The Offshore Northern Seas (ONS) 2004 in Stavanger, Norway, hosted nearly 30,000 visitors and over 1000 exhibitors. At the meeting place for the European oil and gas industry the 18th WPC team succeeded in fulfilling its objective to generate interest from key companies such as Wood Group, Marathon Oil, Aker Kvaerner, Statoil, Hydro Roxar Ltd and Aggreko. President of the WPC, Dr Eivald Røren, joined the team to actively promote the Congress.

Upcoming Events.....

Over the next few months the 18th World Petroleum Congress team will be promoting the Congress at the following events:

5-8 September - 19th World Energy Congress, Sydney, Australia
6-10 September - Electra Mining 2004, Johannesburg, South Africa
14-17 September - Libya Energy Week, Tripoli, Libya
16-17 September – OPEC Seminar, Vienna, Austria
26-29 September - SPE Annual Conference & Exhibition, Houston, USA
4-7 October – Rio Oil & Gas Expo 2004, Rio, Brazil
6-8 October – Africa Upstream 2004, Cape Town, South Africa
13 October – 18th WPC Press Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa
7-10 October – KIOGE 2004, Almaty, Kazakhstan
10-13 October – ADIPEC 2004, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
13-14 October - Chad International Oil & Gas Conference, N’Djamena, Chad
17-20 October – 1st WPC Youth Forum, Beijing, China

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