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Exhibitor Briefing Meeting, 17th May 2005, Johannesburg

If you are an exhibitor, potential exhibitor or stand builder at the 18th WPC, don't miss the invaluable exhibitor briefing meeting to be held at the InterContinental Sandton Sun, in Johannesburg, on 17th May, 2005. All contractors and service providers will be present and the entire exhibition programme will be discussed, making it the perfect opportunity to resolve all your queries and problems, and to then finalise your exhibition participation.

Following the briefing meeting, free tickets will be supplied for exhibitors to visit ‘Futurex’, taking place in the Sandton Convention Centre, adjoining the InterContinental Sandton Sun. Although a general computer exhibition, ‘Futurex’ is a highly successful show with professional and attractive stand building and dressing, which will provide 18th World Petroleum Congress exhibitors a good idea of how the 18th WPC will look in that venue. So book now for your place at the exhibitor briefing meeting. Email Joy at joy.donovan@itesouthafrica.co.za for booking details and confirmation.

Co-host Meeting in Algeria

Sonatrach invited its fellow co-hosts from Angola, Libya, Nigeria, and the host South Africa, to join them for the latest update in the preparations of the 18th World Petroleum Congress. Held in Algiers alongside the meeting of the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA), all co-hosts were represented by substantial delegations, which were given a detailed overview of the progress to date. Following the co-host meeting, Mr. Boumediene Belkacem, newly appointed Vice President for Exploration and Production at Sonatrach and new Chairman of the Algerian National Committee for the WPC, hosted a lunch for all the representatives from the co-host countries. Dr. Joseph Toth, Vice President of the WPC, took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Belkacem and his team for hosting a highly successful meeting and thanked everyone, in particular Mr. Kamel Chikhi, for all their efforts in its preparation. The 18th WPC also met with several of the African delegations attending the APPA meeting during the same week, and received great interest from Chad, Cameroon, Sao Tome and Equatorial Guinea, amongst others, in joining the members of the WPC.
The WPC 2005 Excellence Awards

The World Petroleum Council honours outstanding achievements through its Excellence Awards. There are two categories: Technical Excellence and Social Responsibility. Two awards will be given in each category, one to a large company and one to a small and medium sized enterprise. Proposals can be submitted online at: www.world-petroleum.org, or via the official website: www.18wpc.com.

18th World Petroleum Congress Promotion Calendar

The 18th WPC was promoted at CERA Week 2005 between 14th -19th February, in Houston, USA

Held under the theme, “Rising to the Challenge: Securing the Energy Future”, this prestigious event was attended by no less than 2,000 high-level delegates. Its audience was comparable to that attending the 18th WPC, for which the team was able to raise significant interest. In addition, parallel meetings were organised with companies such as Oxy, ConocoPhillips, Devon Energy, Accenture, Burlington Resources, ExxonMobil and Microsoft Corporation.

Picture on the left: Abdallah Jum'ah, President & CEO of Saudi Aramco, delivers the Oil Day Dinner Keynote Address at the CERA Week 2005

The Petroleum Industry meets in London at the Energy Institute Annual Meeting

Dr. Eivald Røren, President of the WPC, and Dr. Pierce Riemer, Director General of the WPC, hosted a cocktail reception in London during the International Petroleum Week, organised by the Energy Institute between the 14th - 17th February 2005. The reception was held prior to the prestigious IP Week Dinner, which brought together over 1000 guests at the luxurious Grosvenor House Hotel. A much anticipated speech was given by the Guest of Honour, Lee Raymond, Chairman & CEO of ExxonMobil. Special guests of the WPC at this reception included:

- Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Chair, Africa Matters
- Cyril Ndaba, Deputy High Commissioner for South Africa
- Pedro Baridon, Vice President, WPC
- Iain Paterson, Chairman, ITE Group Plc
- Dr Chawki M. Rahal, Director General, Sonatrach Petroleum Corporation
- Felix Ferreira, Deputy General Manager, Sonangol London
- Charles Bowen, Executive Director, OGP
- Anthony Connerty, Barrister, Lamb Chambers
- Chris Cozens, BBC World
- Mark Reynhardt, First Secretary, South African High Commission
- Nicola Scott, Argus Media Group
- Ben Mellor, Team Leader, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
- Rameez Manan and Baxolile Zwane, Trade Managers, PetroSA
- Dr. Eivald Røren, President of the WPC
- Frene Ginwala, former Speaker of the National Assembly, South Africa

The 18th WPC display stand was also used during the four day conference as a platform to attract more participants to Johannesburg this coming September. The response and interest from most delegates of the IP Week was overwhelming and very encouraging.

ITE South Africa Sponsors “Women in Power Conference” in Johannesburg, South Africa

Women in South Africa are well represented at governmental level but still lag behind in the private sector, while in the rest of Africa their voice often goes completely unheard. As a result, ITE South Africa, the organisers of the 18th WPC, were proud to sponsor a cocktail evening at the Women in Power Conference, held at the Gordon Institute of Business Science, Johannesburg, between 17th – 18th February. Imogen Mkhize, Chief Executive of the 18th WPC, spoke to the delegates of the importance of women in the oil and gas industry, and the impact of the industry's primary global networking event, the World Petroleum Congress, to be held in Africa for the first time. The evening also enjoyed a fashion show from Talking Beads, a community empowerment organisation which employs more than 4500 previously unemployed rural women in the production of African beadwork to be incorporated in clothing, pottery, basketry, linen, etc.

Also attending the conference were members of the Harvard Women Leadership Board, as well as prominent local women from various sectors, including the law, government, the arts and business, creating a positive platform to discuss how women can move forward in positions of power and relevance.

Prof. Gill Marcus of GIBS, Imogen Mkhize, CEO of the 18th WPC and Frene Ginwala, former Speaker of the National Assembly, South Africa.
Upcoming Events.....
Over the next few weeks the 18th WPC team will be promoting the Congress at the following events:

12 - 15 March: Middle East Oil & Gas Show and Conference 2005, (MEOS), Bahrain
14 – 17 March: GASTECH 2005, Bilbao, Spain
16 - 18 March: OMC 2005, 7th Offshore Mediterranean Conference and Exhibition, Ravenna, Italy

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