18th World Petroleum Congress, Johannesburg, South Africa
25-29 September 2005

The WPC 2005 Excellence Awards – Have you entered yet?
The World Petroleum Council Excellence Awards for 2005 will be presented during the Congress in South Africa in September, and awards will be given in the categories of Technological Development and Social Responsibility.

Since the WPC was formed it has experienced vast changes within the industry. Its 62 member countries, representing over 90% of the World’s oil and gas production, are fortunate to be in a unique position to witness these technical achievements, as the WPC Technical Awards picks the very best from upstream and downstream.

The global industry is also leading the way in a number of social and environmental areas, and the best of these initiatives will be showcased in the WPC Social Responsibility Awards. The objective of the awards is to distinguish companies, institutions or any public or private organisation engaged in the oil and gas industry for promoting or operating with high excellence standards in the two categories. To enter for the awards please go to: www.world-petroleum.org.

WPC Ranks Expand as Many New Members Join
The World Petroleum Council is delighted that Morocco, Kenya, Macedonia and Lithuania have all recently become member countries, and is hopeful that more countries will become members in the coming weeks. This increase in membership reflects the growing interest in the forthcoming 18th World Petroleum Congress, in addition to member countries benefiting greatly from the ongoing excellent networking opportunities.

18th WPC Forum Presenters Selected
The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Technical Forums at the 18th WPC have now delivered their final selections to the Congress Programme Committee. Working through a list of over 1100 submissions, the best papers and posters have been chosen for each of the 24 Forums. The full Technical Programme is going to be made available shortly on the official website www.18wpc.com.

Co-host Meeting in Algeria
Sonatrach will hold the next reunion of the Co-host representatives on the occasion of APPA meeting in Algiers, Algeria on the 17th of February 2005. Members of the 18th WPC organizing committee intend to use this excellent opportunity to promote the Congress to the attendees from Africa’s Petroleum Producers Association (APPA) at this high-level, week-long meeting.
18th World Petroleum Congress Promotion Calendar

The 18th WPC is promoted at Petrotech 2005, the 6th International Petroleum Conference & Exhibition

Petrotech, held in January in New Delhi, India, is the largest and most important oil and gas event in India, attracting more than 4,000 delegates. With a stand at the exhibition, the 18th World Petroleum Congress was promoted to government ministers and officials, as well as CEOs and representatives of oil and gas companies operating in India. With the active participation of the National Committee of India for the WPC, India promises to be one of the best represented countries at the 18th WPC. Furthermore, the India stand will be one of the highlights of the GBOC area, featuring companies such as ONGC and the Indian Oil Corporation.

Upcoming Events.....

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

14 – 17 February: International Petroleum Week, (IP Week), London, UK
14 – 17 February: Second African Petroleum Congress & Exhibition, (APPA), Algiers, Algeria
28 February – 3 March: DIOGE, Doha International Oil & Gas Exhibition, Doha, Qatar
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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