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

Deadlines.....

30 June: Early discount for registrations received before the 30th of June!
To register now for the 18th World Petroleum Congress, go to: www.18wpc.com
Alternatively, contact the Congress Secretariat on: Tel: +27 11 302 4600 or e-mail: registration@itesouthafrica.co.za

Accommodation: Book Now
Due to high demand, hotel rooms closest to the Sandton Convention Centre are booking up rapidly. To assure that you get the hotel accommodation you want, please book now. For further information please go to: www.18wpc.com.

18th WPC Promoted at UNCTAD’s 9th African Oil, Trade & Finance Conference in Maputo, Mozambique

UNCTAD hosted its annual African Oil, Trade and Finance Conference in Mozambique earlier this month. The 9th meeting of the African petroleum industry, governments and stakeholders, presented an ideal opportunity for the 18th WPC team to promote the Congress in September. With the support of the Director General and Vice President of the World Petroleum Council, the Chair of the South African National Committee, and the CEO of the 18th WPC, the team managed to raise a lot of attention for the Congress. The UNCTAD Conference was officially opened by H.E. Armando Emílio Guebuza, the President of Mozambique, with key presentations made by Ministers and industry leaders from Mozambique, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome, Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt and Mali. High-level experts from Petronas, Sasol, Shell, Hydro, Schlumberger, Vanco, Woodside Energy and many others were on hand to discuss new frontiers and promising developments for the African petroleum industry.

Dr József Tóth, WPC Vice President – Membership, had an opportunity to meet with official representatives from Sudan, Namibia, Congo, Tanzania, and Cameroon to discuss their potential membership in the World Petroleum Council in time for the Congress in Johannesburg later this year.

As the hosts of the next UNCTAD meeting, Algeria, one of the Co-hosts of the 18th World Petroleum Congress, provided a high-level close to what was a very successful event for all involved and an excellent stepping stone on the way to the 18th WPC in South Africa.
Dr. Pierce Riemer gives an update on the 18th WPC Programme and Speakers

On the 7th of June a breakfast was held at the Westcliff Hotel in Johannesburg, where Dr. Pierce Riemer, Director General of the WPC, met with representatives from companies such as the Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi, BP, Deloitte, Fluor, Grinaker, KPMG, National Ports Authority SA, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Technip and Total. During the breakfast Dr. Riemer gave all attendees an update on the 18th WPC Programme and speakers.

For the full Congress programme and list of speakers please go to: www.18wpc.com

Best Stand Awards 2005

A panel of exhibition professionals will be assembled to judge the best stands for the GBOC (Global Business Opportunities Centre) at the 18th World Petroleum Congress and the Southern African International Oil & Gas Exhibition, in the following categories:

- Category 1: Under 50 m2
- Category 2: 50 – 149 m2
- Category 3: 150 m2 and above

The Awards will be presented at a glittering function, exclusively for exhibitors, to be held on Wednesday 28th September, 2005, at the InterContinental Sandton Sun Ballroom. Details will be sent to exhibitors shortly, once plans have been finalized.

WPC DVD Historical Archive, 1933 - 2002

We have just completed a major project for digitising the whole of the WPC Historical Archive. Every paper ever presented from the 1933 Congress to the 17th WPC in Rio in 2002 has been scanned and is compressed onto a single DVD. It is also possible to carry out multi language searches within the text of every single paper. We hope that this valuable tool will open up the WPC archive for future generations.

To give you an idea of the size of this project, we have scanned over 50,000 pages, containing (and recognising) over half a million words. Scanned over 5000 tables and charts and also incorporated large seismic charts from the earlier volumes. All text is searchable and a high speed search engine has been specifically written with unique algorithms for language (in some of the earlier volumes a few papers are in German and French), it is Boolean searching enabled, allows phrases to be searched for, contains automatic categorisation and can be transferred to run on the Internet without having to start from scratch.

The DVD comes with full instructions. Minimum specification required are IBM PC, Windows 95/98/2000/Me/XP, Screen resolution of 800x600 or higher and a DVD ROM Drive

This DVD containing the searchable content of 17 Congresses is now available for purchase at the special online order price of 500 pounds sterling (post free worldwide). To order your copy please press the buy now button at http://www.world-petroleum.org/publications/arch1.htm

The 18th WPC Team Create Awareness at FUTUREX

FUTUREX, held on the 17 – 20 May 2005 in the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, showcased all the latest developments in the world of Information and Communications Technology and Electronics (ICTE), and is the only exhibition in South Africa “where ICTE and business connect.” There were exhibitors from: Switzerland, Finland, USA, UK, Germany, Thailand, Taiwan, Canada, India, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong and Namibia. At Futurex, the 18th WPC team were present to create awareness of the Congress and the 1st Southern African International Oil & Gas Exhibition.

Promotion of the 18th WPC at the KwaZulu-Natal Industrial Trade Exhibition Proved a Great Success

The KwaZulu-Natal Industrial Trade Exhibition (KITE) which took place in Durban on the 24-27th of May, has been running for 12 years. The 18th WPC team was present to promote the Congress and the 1st Southern African Oil & Gas Exhibition (SAIOGE) which proved to be a great success. Many of the exhibitors and trade visitors had already heard about the Congress and were provided with further information and an update on the programme. VOITH TURBO, CCG and HI-FORCE were also present at the exhibition, all of whom will also be exhibitors at SAIOGE 2005.
Upcoming Events.....

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

19-22 June: AAPG 2005, American Association of Petroleum Geophysicists, Calgary, Canada
21-24 June: MIOGE 2005, Moscow International Oil & Gas Exhibition, Moscow, Russia

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