

## 20th World Petroleum Congress sets a glittering standard on penultimate day

Final day of congress and exhibition set to be among the most memorable ever.

**Doha, 7 December 2011** - The 20th World Petroleum Congress continued sessions on its third congress day, with over 5,500 delegates participating, including leaders and firms from around the globe.

The speakers have been continuing the dialogue on 'Energy Solutions for All - Promoting Cooperation, Innovation and Investment', discussing solutions aimed at providing global access for all to reliable, affordable and sustainable energy in both the near and long term future.

Delegates from around the globe attended plenary sessions discussing topics such as "Multi-Sectoral Cooperation and a Sustainable Energy Industry", "Producer-Consumer Dialogue: Expectations and Deliverables" and "Peak Oil: Ahead of Us or Behind Us?"

Some of the most prominent names among the speakers at the Congress on Wednesday were: Russia's Minister of Energy H.E. Sergei Shmatko; OPEC Secretary General H.E. Abdalla Salem El-Badri, International Energy Agency (IEA) Executive Director Maria van der Hoeven, Qatar Petroleum International CEO Nasser K. Al Jaidah; Total CEO Christophe de Margerie; and International Energy Forum (IEF) Secretary General Noé van Hulst, among others.

The Ministerial Sessions held on Wednesday included those led by H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Qatar's Minister of Energy & Industry; H.E. Dr. Youcef Yousfi, Algeria's Minister of Energy and Mines; H.E. Sayat Mynbaev, Kazakhstan's Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources; H.E. Esperança Bias, Mozambique's Minister of Mineral Resources; and H.E. Roberto Kreimerman, Uruguay's Minister of Industry, Energy & Mining.

The event, which is being held at the Qatar National Convention Centre, ends on Thursday with a closing ceremony that is designed to exemplify the values of the WPC whilst also officially handing over

responsibilities to Russia, the hosts of the 21st Congress in three years. One of the biggest delegate attractions on the final day of the 20th WPC will be the preceding Dewhurst Lecture which is hosted in honour of Thomas Dewhurst, who organized the first World Petroleum Congress in 1933.

Guilherme De Oliveira Estrella, the Chief Exploration and Production Officer and Member of the Executive Board of Brazil's Petrobras will be the recipient of the WPC's prestigious Dewhurst Award in 2011. Presented to Estrella during the 20th World Petroleum Congress in Doha, Qatar, in December this year, the Award is named after Thomas Dewhurst, who organized the first World Petroleum Congress in 1933. Celebrating scientific and technological excellence in the petroleum industry, the Award is a tribute to him and to the person asked to deliver the Dewhurst Lecture.

The President of the World Petroleum Council, Dr Randy Gossen, met Mr. Estrella in Rio de Janeiro earlier this year and personally informed him about the decision. "At a time when the world is saying we are running out of oil and gas comes an innovator who is not restricted by the views of others but leads the way in finding new reserves and pursuing unconventional oil resources. Having Guilherme Estrella, an outstanding geologist and visionary oil finder, as our distinguished Dewhurst lecturer could not be more appropriate."

Dr Renato Bertani, Vice President of the World Petroleum Council also has great praise for his former colleague at Petrobras: "Estrella, as his colleagues and friends call him, dedicated a lifetime to the petroleum industry in Brazil and abroad. His approach to petroleum exploration was always based on rigorous application of geoscience principles, innovation and, above all, team work. Estrella is a firm believer, and practitioner, that oil is found first in people's minds. And the huge pre-salt oil discoveries offshore Brazil demonstrate that he is right."

To date, delegates and visitors from 107 countries have walked through the doors at the Qatar National Convention Centre during the Congress and Exhibition which is set to register 20,000 visitors.

The organising committee expects Thursday to be one of the most active exhibition days with more trade visitors expected to throng the halls of the QNCC. For visitors, the exhibition represents one of the biggest opportunities to network with the leading companies and executives of the global oil, gas and energy sectors, as well as many associated markets segments. And for delegates, the World Petroleum

Congress - the 'Olympics' of oil, gas and energy - represents one of the biggest opportunities to share ideas, connect with peers and contribute to driving the industry forward.

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