IOGP: Abu Dhabi diary

Many IOGP Member Representatives attend the biennial SPE International Conference on Health, Safety, Security, Environment, and Social Responsibility (HSSE-SR). The 2018 event took place in Abu Dhabi, starting 16 April and IOGP was there as well, with a stand, an award presentation and a roster of speakers.

Then, to maximize member convenience and reduce the need for extra travel, the Association held its Annual General Meeting on 19 April, immediately followed by an Industry Showcase held jointly with IPIECA.

Here’s a brief look at what was a busy week...

BP’s Marcin Nazaruk wins 2018 IOGP Outstanding Young Professional Award

As part of the SPE Conference opening plenary, IOGP Executive Director Gordon Ballard (who also served on the meeting’s Executive Committee) announced this year’s winner of the IOGP Outstanding Young Professional Award (OYPA), recognizing HSSE-SR achievements.

Jack Hinton of GE’s Baker Hughes (Co-Chair of the Conference’s Programme Committee and a member of IOGP’s Management Committee) introduced the finalists.

IOGP launched the award in 2015 (in association with SPE) for presentation at the 2016 Conference in Stavanger. The aim then – and subsequently – was to inspire the next generation of leaders in the upstream industry. It highlights the achievements of a professional with fewer than 10 years of E&P experience who has demonstrated outstanding talent, dedication and leadership in HSSE-SR.

This year’s winner in Abu Dhabi was BP’s Marcin Nazaruk, who is the company’s Upstream Human Performance Lead Advisor.
In that role, he supports a range of global initiatives that aim to integrate human factors with risk management processes.

In accepting the award, Marcin acknowledged that it is “testimony to the years of support I’ve received from colleagues, managers and mentors throughout my career, as well as being a great motivator to take and apply my learnings further.”

He went on to stress that “Safety is fundamental, and it’s important to work with all parties including leaders, employees and contractor partners in bringing a ‘human performance’ approach to life. By recognizing that people make mistakes and looking at the underlying conditions and systems that contribute to causing them, we can better design plants and processes to help mitigate and manage these risks.”

Commenting on the award, Gordon said: “Marcin’s work is exactly the type of innovative approach and out-of-the-box thinking that our sector needs to take risk management to the next level – it’s a well-deserved win.”

Gordon then announced a departure from the original award scheme. “While Marcin was clearly our Outstanding Young Professional for 2018, the judges were also vastly impressed by another candidate, Natasha Sihota of Chevron. Therefore, they decided to award her an OYPA honourable mention.”

Other IOGP presenters at the Conference were Safety and Security Director Chris Hawkes, Global Engagement Manager Olaf Martins and Occupational & Process Safety Manager Mariana Carvalho.

The Association also had a stand at the HSSE-SR exhibition. This attracted a wide cross section of attendees and enabled hands-on promotion of some of IOGP’s newest technical reports. “Having the stand gave us a valuable opportunity to meet many people from IOGP member companies and to interest others in the work of the Association,” says Business Operations Co-ordinator Sally Abou-El-Seoud, who was part of the team that welcomed visitors to the IOGP outpost.

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New IOGP report tracks growing oil & gas production and demand around the world

Oil & gas production is stable or rising in all regions of the world – but significant investment is needed to keep pace with growing demand, IOGP’s new Global Production Report shows.

The report, the first in what will be an annual series, establishes an IOGP Production Indicator© (PI) – the level at which a region is able to meet its own oil or gas demand – for seven regions across the world. A PI higher than 100% means the region produces more than its own demand.

The main conclusion of the report is that demand growth and the annual depletion rate of 6% of existing fields are driving the need for investment in additional volumes. What is needed are regional and local policies that encourage responsible development.

The report is based on highly-respected BP data as well as contributions from other IOGP member organizations. It shows that the seven regions can be divided into three groups when it comes to supply/demand balance: net importers (Europe, Asia Pacific), those which are self-sufficient (Central & South America and North America), and those that are net exporters of oil & gas (Africa, CIS and the Middle East).

However, the rising demand trend – for natural gas in particular – could well turn a number of exporting regions into net importers in the coming years, including major exporting regions such as Africa and Central & South America.

“Clearly, oil & gas demand growth remains strong across the globe. The question is how we mobilize the investments necessary to make up for the depletion of existing fields, and to meet this rising demand over the long term” said IOGP Executive Director, Gordon Ballard.


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Revving down: IOGP says goodbye to John Campbell

London’s Royal Automobile Club was the appropriately oil-focused venue to mark IOGP Technical Director John Campbell’s retirement from the Association after 21 years.

Commenting on how much John will be missed, Executive Director Gordon Ballard spoke of John’s “unique ability to puncture bureaucratic pomposity and officialise and make minutes of meetings as funny as they are accurate”. As a token of appreciation, the Association presented John with new kit for his favourite hobby: birdwatching.
IOGP joins fight against methane emissions

IOGP is one of three global energy industry associations to sign on to the Methane Guiding Principles. These focus on continually reducing methane emissions; advancing strong performance across gas value chains; improving accuracy of methane emissions data; advocating sound policies and regulations on methane emissions; and increasing transparency.

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“While we don’t have a mandate to enjoin our members, IOGP will play an important role in encouraging the application of the Guiding principles,” Gordon says. So far, 11 IOGP member companies have also signed the Principles: BP, Chevron, Eni, ExxonMobil, Qatar Petroleum, Repsol, Shell, Statoil, Total, Wintershall and Woodside.

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Commitment from IOGP, IGU and IPIECA forms part of wider efforts by the global energy industry to ensure that natural gas continues to play a critical role in helping meet future energy demand while tackling climate change and improving air quality. Since natural gas consists mainly of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, its role in the transition to a low-carbon future will be influenced by the extent to which methane emissions are reduced.

“Numerous scientific studies have shown how important it is to quickly reduce methane emissions, so we can meet growing demand for natural gas while achieving climate change and clean air goals,” said Mark Radka, Head of UN Environment’s Energy and Climate Branch. “We’re delighted that the IGU, IOGP and IPIECA have become Associate Signatories to the Methane Guiding Principles. These organizations can help extend the spirit and intent of the Principles throughout the natural gas value chain and report on the reductions achieved.”

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