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COP24: oil & gas feature at Katowice

Just as oil and gas will play essential roles in the world's energy future, they also featured at the UN's annual COP climate change conference – held at the end of 2018 in Katowice, Poland. IOGP was there.

"We weren't sure what sort of welcome we'd receive as representatives of the global upstream oil and gas industry", says the Association's Global Engagement Manager, Olaf Martins. "But it turned out to be a warm one. Every official participant received a cozy hat, scarf and gloves to help them cope with the notoriously harsh winter weather for which Poland's coal capital is known. It was a kind gesture and indicative of the positive reception we got throughout the meeting."

Olaf was part of an IOGP group that included EU Director François-Régis Mouton (above) and his Brussels colleagues Kamila Piotrowska, Nareg Terzian and Nora Hansen. The Brussels contingent was at COP24 representing GasNaturally, of which IOGP is a founder member.

"While neither IOGP nor GasNaturally were involved in any official negotiations at COP24, our presence did enable us to explain to fellow delegates that our industry offers solutions to climate change challenges. In particular, we focused on the cleaner-burning benefits of natural gas – which is also a major source of

hydrogen – and upstream expertise in carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), which is gaining traction as a climate change tool. One of our key messages concerned our industry's unique ability to deliver industrial-scale 'blue' hydrogen by combining seam methane reforming with CCUS," François-Régis says.

In addition to the main negotiations, Katowice saw a plethora of side events. At the EU Pavilion, GasNaturally organized panel discussions on:

- Addressing climate change through the growing use of gas and other energy carriers
- Innovations in emissions mitigation to achieve a sustainable future
- Millennials and their views on addressing climate change

As the host country's leading energy company, IOGP member PGNiG held events of its own in the Polish Pavilion. François-Régis led a debate on the use of natural gas to improve air quality. Olaf participated in a panel discussion on reducing methane emissions.

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Its moderator was Scott Foster, Director of the Sustainable Energy Division in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, who said: "Natural gas can make important contributions to a sustainable future in the areas of mobility, power generation, improving urban air quality and providing quality energy access in unserved areas" – but only by addressing both methane losses and CO₂ emissions. "Placing a real price on emissions and trusting in markets would be key steps."

Olaf's contribution reminded the audience that, according to the latest International Energy Agency (IEA) figures, global demand for gas will continue to rise to 45% by 2040. He stressed that, on balance, gas has many more advantages than disadvantages as a fuel to help achieve a lower carbon emissions economy. He pointed out that 40 countries are now importing LNG, while shale extraction is also growing – not only in the US but in other areas as well, such as Argentina and China.

More widely, he emphasized that every country is undergoing its own energy transformation to meet COP goals. "Each transformation is different, depending on the country's starting point and its chosen method of implementation. What we are really talking about is a series of energy transitions."

Looking back on COP24, François-Régis says "I've never been more convinced that our industry needs to be present at future COPs. From conversations I had in Katowice, I realized that many



Olaf Martins at COP24 (3rd left)

COP attendees aren't aware that our industry can bring solutions to climate change challenges. It's our job to raise awareness, particularly among policy makers and international bodies and to demonstrate that we want to work with them, not against them. If we don't portray our industry in a positive, pro-active way in the climate change debate, who else will?"

European shipping institution to IOGP: welcome aboard



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As part of IOGP's policy of reaching out to a wider range of stakeholders, the Association has become a member of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF).

This body is a European Commission expert group, and provides 'a platform for structural dialogue, exchange of technical knowledge, cooperation, and coordination amongst relevant maritime industries stakeholders at the Commission,' its official

description says. ESSF aims to 'better address the environmental sustainability challenges confronting the EU maritime transport sector.'

One of the main tasks of ESSF is to provide expertise to the Commission when it is preparing to implement measures that have an impact of maritime activities.

ESSF members include each of the European Member States as well as shipping companies, ports' authorities, labour unions, contractors and companies and associations from the oil and gas sector.

IOGP's membership comes at a time when the International Maritime Organization is committed to drastic reductions in sulphur emissions from shipping. The target date of 2020 has dominated shipowners' agendas, says IOGP EU Affairs Manager Bernard Vanheule, who was instrumental in obtaining the Association's ESSF membership.

"For IOGP, to be officially recognized by the EU Commission as an ESSF member is tacit acknowledgement that natural gas in general and LNG in particular can play an important and positive role in improving air quality and lower emissions overall in the marine sector."

IOGP appoints new Regional Director-Americas

Wafik Beydoun is IOGP's new Regional Director-Americas. He comes to the Association, as a secondee from Total, with more than 30 years' experience in the upstream oil and gas sector. Most recently, he was the company's General Manager and Country Chair in Kuwait. He also currently serves as Chair of the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston. Previously, his career included leadership and technical positions in the US, the UK, France, Angola and the UAE.

In his new role, Wafik has already started liaising with national oil and gas industry associations, current and prospective IOGP members, regulators and other regional stakeholders – usually in their own language. He speaks English, Portuguese, Spanish and French – as well as Arabic.

"I'm excited about my work at IOGP because it involves increasing the Association's value to members by re-thinking collaboration and advocacy strategies in the Americas. While this might put me beyond my comfort zone, that's a good thing," Wafik says.

He is also enthusiastic about his new, full-time working arrangements: co-location in the American Petroleum Institute's Center for Offshore Safety in Houston. "This will enable IOGP to

work more closely than ever before with the Americas' largest oil and gas association. This is bound to result in opportunities and synergies."

Wafik succeeds Albert Skiba, who has retired after 2.5 years as IOGP's first Regional Director-Americas. "Albert leaves with the Association's gratitude for all of his hard work and achievements," says Executive Director Gordon Ballard. "Now, with Wafik's experience, skills and enthusiasm, we are continuing to strengthen the Association's presence in the Americas."



Wafik Beydoun

New guide helps plan source control emergency response for subsea wells

IOGP's Wells Expert Committee (WEC) has produced a new report to help guide operating companies in planning and preparing an effective emergency response plan for subsea oil spills and gas leaks.

Report 594 covers basic emergency response organisational format, roles and responsibilities, well design considerations, source control options, and implementation considerations. The new document will also help to inform non-technical stakeholders about what is involved in subsea source control.

Specific report topics include:

- Subsea source well control overview
- Elements of source control
- Emergency response framework
- Well design considerations for supporting source control equipment
- Subsea well source control response planning
- Capping stack equipment and preparation
- Flow containment equipment and preparation

"This report, produced by the WEC's Subsea Well Response and Source Control Subcommittee, provides a valuable emergency



planning tool for all offshore operators" says Committee Manager Diana Khatun. "Particular thanks are due to the Subcommittee's Chair, Chris Carstens of Chevron as well as José Barreto (also Chevron), Patrick Brennan and Steve Brashier (Kosmos) and Merrick Kelley (BP)".

Copies of IOGP Report 594 - *Source Control Emergency Response Planning Guide for Subsea Wells* are freely available from <https://www.iogp.org/bookstore/>



Photo: SBM Offshore

IOGP welcomes SBM Offshore

One of the world's leading providers of floating production facilities is IOGP's newest member.



SBM Offshore has a history that goes back over 150 years to a Dutch engineering company specializing in steam engines and boilers. Today, the Company serves a global market from eight locations, nine operational shore bases and a fleet of offshore vessels.

The Company's main activities are the design, supply, installation, operation and life extension of Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessels. These are either owned and operated by SBM Offshore and leased to clients or supplied on a turnkey basis.

The Group is 'committed to conducting business in a sustainable way over the long-term by developing close relationships with local people, communities and businesses in host countries and by safeguarding the natural environment'.

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- Working Group (WG)

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