Latest safety report shows reduction in fatal accidents

Data submitted for IOGP’s annual Safety performance indicators report recorded an 8% drop in the Fatal Accident Rate and a decrease in fatalities from 33 in 2017 to 31 in 2018. This was against a background of a 2% increase in work hours reported. A total of 46 Member Companies supplied data.

While the total recordable injury rate increased by 3% over the previous year’s results, the lost time injury frequency decreased by 4%.

“Despite the fact that most of the figures in our latest report show improvement, every death and every injury must be considered a failure,” said IOGP Executive Director Gordon Ballard. “That is why it is so important to understand the causes behind each and every incident.”

Analysis of the 27 fatal incident descriptions, in which there were 31 fatalities, has shown that at least 23 incidents (85%) related to the IOGP Life-Saving Rules and that these incidents and fatalities may have been prevented by the adoption of this system.

A dialogue with the best and the brightest

In mid-July, some 650 students from around the world converged in central London with the aim of ‘breaking barriers’.

They weren’t demonstrating. They were convening as attendees of the 2019 International Student Energy Summit (SES19). Its mission: “to spearhead the energy transition towards a more sustainable and equitable future.” IOGP was there as well, as both a supporter and a participant, as were several IOGP Member Companies and Organizations.

Student Energy is an interdisciplinary organization created for students by students from 98 countries. Plenary events were at the Royal Geographic Society and breakout sessions were at Imperial College.

Over the course of four days, delegates participated in dialogues with more than 50 speakers drawn from academia, and the policy arena and industry. Among them was Lloyd Slater from IOGP communications team. Speaking on a panel called ‘Moving forwards: How are the actions of Big Oil influencing the energy industry?’, he began by questioning the concept of ‘Big Oil’. It was, he said “an anachronism”, given the involvement of so many of the Association’s Member Companies in natural gas, renewables and alternatives. Moreover, he added, the upstream oil and gas industry is a leader the carbon capture and utilization and storage (CCUS) technology that would increasingly make the use of oil and gas consistent with climate change targets. “Oil and gas will be part of our sustainable energy future” he said.

To find out more about SES19, visit: https://www.studentenergysummit2019.com/
Membership count hits 83

Three companies have joined IOGP in the past few months, bringing the Association’s membership to its highest level in recent years. Here is a short profile of each of our newest members

TechnipFMC

TechnipFMC is a global leader in subsea, onshore/offshore and surface projects. The company’s 37,000-plus employees work in all of IOGP’s designated operating regions: Africa, Asia/Pacific, the Middle East, the Americas, Europe, Russia and the Caspian.

From concept to project delivery and beyond, TechnipFMC uses innovative technologies and improved efficiencies to unlock new possibilities for clients in developing their oil and gas resources.

TechnipFMC is located in London, a few minutes’ walk from IOGP’s City Tower headquarters.

The Company’s Member Representative is John W. Boyd, Senior Vice President, Quality, Health, Safety, Environment and Security.

EGPC

As ancient hieroglyphics and wall paintings show, Egypt has relied on oil as a fuel since pharaonic times. More recently, the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) was founded to find and develop the nation’s oil and gas resources.

Since 1976, EGPC has been a leader in the nation’s exploration and production. Today, the company produces the equivalent of around 620,000 barrels of oil per day, helping to satisfy local demand for petroleum products. Other objectives include increasing oil production, enhancing reserves and making the most of export opportunities and revenues. Equally important is EGPC’s commitment to applying international standards in health, safety and the environment.

EGPC’s IOGP Member Representative is Gamal Fathy Mohamed, the CEO’s Assistant for HSE.

Spirit Energy

Collaboration, agility and the courage to do things differently are the driving characteristics of Spirit Energy. The company was created in 2017 following the combination of Centrica’s E&P business and Bayerngas Norge AS.

Spirit Energy’s team of more than 800 people is committed to the development of oil and gas reserves in Europe. Current production is 50 million barrels of oil equivalent per year. At the same time, the Company is exploring ways to tap into reserves and resources amounting to more than 600 million barrels.

Spirit Energy’s IOGP Member Representative is Aberdeen-based Steve Grant, the Company’s head of HSES.

Members to gather in Kuala Lumpur for EGM 2019

This year’s EGM will be in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia’s vibrant capital and a prime example of how oil and gas have helped to transform the Asia Pacific region into an industrial and financial powerhouse – one that consumes 36% of the world’s oil.

The EGM agenda will include discussion and voting on the Association’s 2020 Business Plan, poster sessions covering the work of IOGP’s Standing Committees and two panel discussions. The first of these will focus on communications and outreach. The second will examine how IOGP can best serve Member Companies in a lower emissions future.

On the social side, IOGP will hold a welcome reception on the evening of 19 November. The next day, Host Company, PETRONAS will stage a cultural performance in the splendour of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra’s concert hall and hold a special dinner at the Malaysian Petroleum Club (suitably situated atop one of the PETRONAS Twin Towers).

IOGP Member Representatives will soon receive EGM joining instructions and hotel reservation forms.
Brussels guests bask in IOGP hospitality

Shirtsleeves, bare arms and chilled wine were the order of the day at the summer reception given by Brussels office on the evening of 25 June. The historic gardens of De Warande provided an appropriately leafy setting.

Guests included representatives from IOGP Member Companies, the EU Institutions and other stakeholders. IOGP Management Committee Chair Fawaz Bitar welcomed the attendees with a short talk about “the defining issue of our time”, which is to meet the “dual challenge of providing more energy with fewer emissions.” The best way to meet that challenge is to bring together corporations and trade associations; citizens and NGOs; government and international bodies so that they all “understand each other’s perspectives and collaborate to find solutions,” he said. As an example, he cited an IOGP-supported workshop earlier that day in Brussels, where participants looked at the potential of blue hydrogen from natural gas.

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