The Host Sponsor PetroSA invited senior officials from the national oil companies of the four Co-Host countries, Algeria, Angola, Libya and Nigeria, to Johannesburg. On the 12-13 October, joint meetings were held to discuss the progress of the Congress.

At a press conference on the 13th October the Co-Hosts officially re-confirmed their support of the 18th WPC. Kamel Chikhi of Sonatrach stated that the Congress would “demonstrate the achievement of the petroleum industry in Africa, not only in the oil but also in the gas industry”. The importance of the Congress was also emphasized by Dr. Ayo Balogun, NNPC, saying that it would “bring much needed equipment and experience into the African petroleum industry”. Mateus De Brito Sonangol highlighted that “the 18th WPC will be a great networking opportunity, bringing together African oil and gas producers to exchange business, industry and social issues”. Daw Zahmoul from the Libyan Secretariat of Energy took the opportunity to officially confirm his country’s full participation in the 18th WPC, stressing that Libya has always been a part of Africa and will be giving even more focus to its African partners in the future.

The Co-Host meeting in Johannesburg proved extremely successful and with one year to go before the Congress, preparations are well under way.

WPC 1st Youth Forum takes place in Beijing, China

The WPC Youth Forum took place from the 17th-20th of October at the Beijing International Convention Centre; jointly hosted by the Chinese National Committee for WPC, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec), CNOOC, and Sinochem Corporation (SINOCHEN). Under the theme of “Youth and Innovation - the Future of Petroleum Industry” 1,000 participants attended the Forum. It was opened by Dr. Eivald Røren, President of WPC, Dr. Wang Tao, Senior Vice President of the WPC and Mr. Zhang Mao, Vice Mayor of Beijing city.

Dr. Wang Tao explained that the Youth Forum was to attract more young people to join WPC activities as a strategic measure for the realization of sustainable development and for the future of the petroleum industry. “The Youth Forum will build up a platform for wide-ranging exchange and communication and provide an opportunity for skill
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demonstration of the young people who have the aspiration to devote to petroleum and energy businesses.”

Dr. Randall G. Gossen, Vice President of the WPC also added: “We found that it has become harder and harder to attract and retain the youth in the petroleum industry. By holding such a Forum, we would like to give opportunities for the youth to express their views and their concerns about the development and future of the industry.”

18th World Petroleum Congress Promotion Calendar

4-7 October 2004, Rio Oil & Gas Expo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

The leading oil and gas industry event in Latin America, Rio Oil & Gas Expo and Conference was once again a huge success. The exhibition was attended by 600 exhibitors which attracted over 35,000 visitors and the conference had more than 2,000 delegates and 170 speakers. The 18th WPC team engaged in many successful sales and sponsorship meetings, including a high-level meeting with Petrobras.


ADIPEC which was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Khalifah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, attracted more than 1,200 exhibitors from over 54 countries worldwide and over 8,000 visitors. The 18th WPC team was present with a stand at the exhibition and was able to meet and make presentations to several companies including: Omni Flow, Shell, BP, Macchi and ADNOC.

Upcoming Events…..

14-18 November - NAPE / AAPG First West Africa Deepwater Regional Conference, Abuja, Nigeria
28-30 November – WPC Council Meeting, Madrid, Spain
07-10 December – OSEA, 15th Oil & Gas International Exhibition & Conference, Singapore