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The International Gas Union (IGU) has always been very dedicated to promoting the exchange of information and know-how for the development and circulation of best practices within the global gas industry, as specifically addressed in its Mission: “By promoting the development and application of new technologies and best practices, IGU will help optimise the economics of the entire gas chain, while emphasising sound environmental performance, safety and reliability”.

This concept was further adopted by the 2006-2009 Triennial Work Programme, as expressed in its *Objectives and Principles*.

In past triennia, IGU often developed topics related to best practices through the works and projects conducted by the technical committees, which were included in the proceedings and presentations of the gas conferences. During this triennium however, we have tried to highlight this issue even further by means of a special selection of best practices within the gas industry which have been compiled in the disk attached.

For this purpose, the Argentine Presidency of IGU extended an invitation to:

1. The IGU membership of the Technical Committees, which this year reached a record of over 750 members
2. The international community through the Call for Papers for the 24th World Gas Conference (WGC)

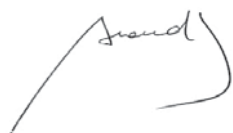
To align the submissions within the same criteria range, we adopted the following definition of best practice:

- *A Best Practice Idea or Proposal is an innovative approach, policy, technology or tool that has been developed and implemented by an organisation that has yielded significant results.*
- *Proposals can be in areas such as safety, reliability, improvement in cost efficiency, revenue generation, regulatory and organisational efficiency.*

The submissions were screened first by the Technical Committees and on a second instance by a special panel established for this purpose by IGU’s Task Force of Research and Development.

Some of these works will be presented by the authors during the different sessions of the WGC, or posted at the Technical Cafes in the premises.

We hope this work helps to promote the efficiency of the world natural gas industry, with the objective of improving the competitiveness and environmental aspects of this noble energy source.



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