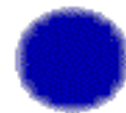


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What is IGU?

The International Gas Union is a world-wide non-commercial, non-government organisation with currently 59 members from all over the world. These members are generally speaking the most representative gas organisations of a country which may encompass producers, transporters, distributors, technological institutes, appliance manufacturers. Together IGU's members cover about 90% of marketed world gas production. As a result of the advance of natural gas in the world's energy balance and the ever increasing number of countries where gas is being used or emerging which now stands at about 100, interest in membership of IGU is on the increase.

The main objective of IGU is to promote the technical and economic progress of the gas industry world-wide mainly by facilitating the exchange of information both of a technological nature and of a more general, business-oriented nature. To that end it organises the World Gas Conference and Exhibition and manages currently 10 Working Committees which study all aspects of the gas industry from the well to the burner tip and which report at the World Gas Conference. They also prepare the technical programme for that conference.

Major IGU Activities in 1999

Under the auspices of IGU and hosted by the Italian Technical Gas Association (ATIG), the 5th Symposium on Computing in the Gas Industry and associated Exhibition was held in Florence, April 26-28, 1999. Participants were unanimous in their praise for the high-quality and very informative event.

IGU as an accredited non government organisation took part in a number of meetings within the United Nations Framework of Convention on Climate Change. At the 5th Conference of Parties, which was held in Bonn, October 25 - November 4, 1999, it had an information stand and it organised a side-event at which its views and those of Eurogas, co-sponsor of the event, were presented.

The IGU representative also participated in the meetings of the so-called Subsidiary Bodies, which prepare the plenary studies and in which also technical studies are discussed.

Main activity still was the preparation of the 21st World Gas Conference and Exhibition, to be held in Nice, France, June 6-9, 2000. The registration brochure was sent out in December 1999. Information about the Conference, Exhibition and for registration: send an e-mail to wgcnice2000@atg.asso.fr or visit the website: www.wgcnice2000.com.

The Secretariat

The Secretariat of IGU is located in Groningen, The Netherlands. The Secretary-General is assisted by

one full-time assistant. Office space is made available by N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie which also renders supporting services. Because the Secretary-General is seconded by the host organisation - KVGn, the Royal Dutch Association of Gas Manufactures - and as a result of the arrangements as described here, the cost of the secretariat are very low and membership fees amount to a modest Dfl 8085 (equivalent amount in Euro 3669) for Charter Members and

Dfl 4042 (equivalent amount in Euro 1834)) for Observer Members.

Mr. Peter Storm from Denmark was elected deputy Secretary-General and will succeed the current Secretary-General, Mr. John F. Meeder, as of mid 2000 when the Secretariat will move to Denmark, hosted by Dansk Olie og Naturgas A/S.

Membership

In 1999 the following members joined IGU:

- Power Gas Ltd, Singapore, as Observer Member
- the Colombian Natural Gas Association, Colombia, as Observer Member
- Botas, Turkey, as Charter Member

Membership of Bulgaria was terminated, due to not paying the membership fees in arrears for more than two years.

Total membership at the end of 1999 amounted to 59, of which 14 Observer Members, representing 90% of world gas.

Meetings of IGU Bodies

IGU's activities are supervised by the Council, the Executive Committee and the Technical Co-ordinating Committee. The Secretariat ensures that the business of IGU is conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association and with the directions of the President, Council and Executive Committee.

The Council is the main ruling body of IGU in which each Member Association is represented. The Executive Committee governs the IGU in accordance with the aims and means fixed by the Council and is chaired by the President of IGU. The function of the Technical Co-ordinating Committee is to co-ordinate the activities of the IGU Working Committees and to provide for all arrangements relevant to the Programme of the World Gas Conference.

During 1999 following meetings of these bodies took place:

Council:	Cheju Island, Korea, October 13, 1999
Executive Committee:	Vancouver, Canada, April 7, 1999
	Cheju Island, Korea, October 12, 1999

Technical Co-ordinating Committee:	Vancouver, Canada, April 7, 1999 Cheju Island, Korea, October 12, 1999
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Contacts with other International Organisations

LNG-13

IGU as a co-sponsor is now involved in preparing the 13th Liquefied Natural Gas Conference, which will take place in Seoul, Korea May 14-17, 2001. IGU has the Secretariat of the Steering Committee which is chaired by Mr. Bernie Lee, who retired from IGT at the end of 1999.

IGRC

IGU as a co-sponsor is now involved in preparing the IGRC 2001 Conference, which will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 5-8, 2001. The Policy Committee is chaired by

Mr. Hiroshi Urano, Incoming President of IGU.

Intergas Marketing

IGU maintains a close relationship with this organisation. Co-operation between IGU and Intergas Marketing is further strengthened amongst others by input from Intergas Marketing in IGU's Triennial Work Programmes.

Eurogas

IGU is represented by its Secretary-General in the Plenary Meetings of Eurogas.

World Energy Council

IGU is represented in several working groups and bodies of WEC. The Secretary-General of IGU represents IGU in the meeting of the Executive Assembly. The Chairman of the Technical Co-ordination Committee participates in both the Studies Committee and the Programme Committee.

United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe

IGU is represented by its Secretary-General in the Plenary Meetings of the Working Party on Gas of this organisation in Geneva.

Publications

In 1999 IGU published two Newsletters. The publications listed below:

- the Triennial Work Programme
- the IGU Environmental Charter
- IGU Mission and Policy Objectives
- Climate change - the case for gas

can be obtained from the IGU Secretariat and are also available on IGU's Website on Internet:

<http://www.igu.org>

Communication

Good communication both within the world-wide IGU organisation and with the outside world, are getting constant attention. Within the IGU, its officers try to maintain good personal relationship with members by attending annual meetings and special events.

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The President represented IGU in 1999 at:

- an IEA meeting in Mexico (April 8)
- the World Symposium '99 on Computing in the Gas Industry, Florence, Italy (April 26-28)
- the LNG 13 Steering Committee Meeting, Vancouver (May 3 - 4)
- the IGRC Policy Committee Meeting, Vancouver - closing meeting IGRC 98 (May 4 - 5)
- a meeting with Brunei Oil and Gas Authority and Brunei Energy (May 12)
- the annual assembly of the Institution of Gas Engineers, UK (June 17-18)
- the 31st General Assembly of Gaznat in Lausanne (June 23)
- the 116th Annual Conference of ATG, France (September 15-16)
- the Benelux Gas Congress, the first joint congress of the national associations of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg (September 23)
- the 11th International Energy Conference, Montreal, Canada (September 27-28)
- a meeting with the Hong Kong and China Gas Company (October 15)
- the 12th World LP Gas forum, New Delhi, India (October 27-29)
- the 7th Annual Meeting of ATIG, Torino, Italy (November 8)
- The Osaka Gas R&D Forum, Osaka Japan (November 10-12)
- the 4th Regional IEA Gas Conference, Cancun, Mexico (December 6-7)

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The Secretary-General represented IGU at:

- the UN Working Party on Gas, Geneva (January 27-29)
- the 3rd Qatar Conference on Natural Gas (March 15 - 18)
- the LNG 13 Steering Committee Meeting, Vancouver (May 3 - 4)
- the IGRC Policy Committee Meeting, Vancouver (May 4 - 5)
- the IANGV Conference Amsterdam (May 26-28)
- Eurogas, plenary spring meeting, Helsinki (June 10-12)
- the IGE Annual Conference (June 16-18)
- the WEC Executive Assembly, Krakow, Poland (September 20-23)
- the Benelux Gas Congress - (September 23-24)
- the Asian Council on Petroleum (Ascope) Forum on Trans Asian Gas pipeline & Power Grids Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (October 5-7)
- the 2nd International Conference on Slovak Gas Industry & Environment, Slovakia
- COP 5 in Bonn, Germany, where IGU and Eurogas jointly had a booth and jointly organised a special event. Presentations given by IGU and Eurogas representatives are available on the IGU website.

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Mr. Francis Dewerdt, Chairman of the TCC represented IGU at:

- the 84th plenary session of Intergas Marketing

IGU has three Websites on Internet:

- one with general information on IGU: <http://www.igu.org>
- one providing information on the 21st World Gas Conference in 2000: <http://www.wgcnice2000.com>
- one with information on the work of the Technical Co-ordinating Committee: <http://www.igu2000.com>

These three websites will be integrated after the change-over of the Secretariat as of July 1st 2000.

Additional Information

- Organisation (names)

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Mr. Hiroshisi Urano Mr. Peter Storm
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Mr. Francis Dewerd, Chairman

Technical Co-ordinating Committee

Working Committees

Study-groups

- Member Associations (Please visit our website: <http://www.igu.org/membership.html>)

- Countries represented at the Executive Committee:

Algeria

Argentina

Canada

Denmark : Immediate Past President

France: Presidency and Chairmanship of the Technical Co-ordinating Committee

Germany

Italy

Japan: both member and Vice-Presidency

Korea

the Netherlands

Norway

Pakistan

Russia

Spain

United Kingdom

USA

- Chairmen of the Working Committees (please visit the site: <http://www.igu2000.com/english/d71.htm> and click on TCC online - "the IGU TCC and the WOCs Chairmen")

- Secretariat (please visit the site: <http://www.igu.org>)

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