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IGU Annual Report 2002

What is IGU?

The International Gas Union, which was established 72 years ago, is a world-wide non-commercial, non-political and non-government organisation with currently 65 members from all over the world. These members are primarily the most representative gas organisations of a country, which may encompass producers, transporters, distributors, technological and scientific institutes, and appliance manufacturers.

During the course of 2002, changes in the IGU Articles of Association were adopted by the IGU Council permitting any gas entity (Association, Company or Department) to become "Associate Members" from 1 January 2003. Apart from the Charter member of the country in question, up to nine Associate Members are permitted from each country (ref. below).

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 of both 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 wellhead to the burner tip. The Working Committees report at the World Gas Conference every three years.

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 - now standing at about 100 - where gas is being used or emerging, IGU is expanding its network with more developing countries.

Major IGU Activities in 2002

- World Gas Conference (WGC)

At the end of the 21st World Gas Conference held in Nice, France on 5-9 June 2000, Mr. Hiroshi Urano from Japan succeeded Mr. Claude Détourné as President of IGU. The term of Mr. Urano will come to a close at the end of the 22nd World Gas Conference, taking place in Tokyo, Japan on 1-5 June 2003 and being the first World Gas Conference ever held in Asia

The theme for the Japanese Presidency and the 22nd World Gas Conference is:
"Catalysing an Eco-Responsible Future."

The Japanese National Organisation Committee has already carried out extensive preparations for the 22nd World Gas Conference and Exhibition. The Programme and Registration Handbook was distributed around the world in November 2002 and updated information about the Conference and Exhibition can be found through the IGU website www.igu.org or directly on www.wgc2003.com



After the 22nd WGC the current Vice-President, Mr. George H.B. Verberg will take over as IGU President. His term will be concluded at the 23rd WGC in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 6-9 June 2006. At its Council meeting in September 2002, IGU elected with acclamation Argentina to take over the Presidency 2006-2009 and to be the Venue of the 24th WGC in 2009.

- United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

At the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) on 26 August-7 September 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa IGU was accredited as Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) and was as such also involved in the Business Day arranged by "Business Action for Sustainable Development" (BASD) through the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Mr. Hiroshi Urano, President of IGU gave a speech during the Business Day officially presenting the views of IGU. Furthermore IGU organised a workshop called "Lessons learned in how to build a Natural Gas industry". The workshop was attended by representatives from the South African Government and the Gas Industry.

Again, IGU took part in meetings within the UNFCCC, having decided on a more active approach already back in the year 2000.

At the 8th Conference of the Parties (COP 8) held in New Delhi, India on 23 October-1 November 2002, IGU was present in the adjacent table exhibition promoting its views on Sustainable Development/Climate Change. In collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Indian IGU member, Gas Authority of India (GAIL) IGU organised a Special Event to promote gas with special emphasis on the current special project on Sustainable Urban System Design of Japan Gas Association and IGU.

- Technology Transfer

To initiate and stress IGU's commitment to accelerate transfer of technology among its members, IGU agreed during autumn 2002 to support the initiative of FICCI and GAIL in the organisation of an "Asian Gas Buyers' Summit" to be held on 24-25 March 2003 in Mumbai, India.

The Secretariat

Since July 2000 the Secretariat of IGU has been located in Hoersholm, north of Copenhagen in Denmark. One full-time assistant assists the Secretary-General. Office space is made available by DONG A/S, which also renders some supporting services.

Currently the Agreements stipulate that the IGU secretariat will remain at this address until July 2006.



Membership

In 2002 the following new members joined IGU:

- Kazakhstan (represented by KazTransGas)
- Oman (represented by OMAN LNG L.L.G.)
- United Arab Emirates (represented by Abu Dhabi Liquefaction Company Ltd. - ADGAS)

Total membership at the end of 2002 amounted to 66, of which 20 were Observer Members, representing 90% of world gas.

Membership fees for 2002 amounted to EUR 4,000.- per year for Charter Members and EUR 2,000.- for new Observer Members.

Due to the revised Membership rules the concept of Observer Membership was abandoned by the end of 2002. All current Members - whether Charter- or Observer members - have become Charter Member as per 1 January 2003.

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 along the directions of the President, the Council, the Executive Committee and the newly established IGU Management Team.

The Council is the main ruling body of IGU in which each Member 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 Technical Programme of the World Gas Conference.

During 2002 the following meetings of these bodies took place:

Council:	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 18-19 September, 2002
Executive Committee:	Washington D.C., USA, 12 April, 2002 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17 September, 2002
Technical Co-ordinating Committee (TCC):	Washington D.C., USA, 12 April, 2002 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17 September, 2002

In 2000 IGU established three Task forces, as follows:



Task Force A (TF-A) that prepared a Symposium on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Gas Industry held in Prague, the Czech Republic 23-25 April 2002. This very successful ICT Symposium was attended by some 400 participants and also staged a small Exhibition. TF-A also considered the future organisation of ICT within the Union and gave its final report to the TCC in autumn 2002 recommending that the ICT Symposium should be continued, however with a somewhat broader scope.

Task Force B (TF-B) that considered medium and long term changes in the IGU and - having presented its work to the Executive Committee the day before - then proposed a large number of substantial Changes in the IGU Articles of Association to the Council on 18 September 2002.

With the aim to rationalise and modernise the Union the proposals contained especially the following:

- New Membership rules giving access to one Charter member and up to nine Associate members from each country in order to increase and broaden the knowledgebase of IGU
- Creation of a Management Team to cope with day-to-day business
- More power of decision-making to the Executive Committee
- the Technical Co-ordinating Committee is changed to the Coordination Committee (CC) because the scope of activities to cover not only technical matters but also regulatory and political matters
- 5 Working Committees covering the Gas Chain
- 4 Programme Committees covering outgoing issues
- Maintaining English and French as official languages but - with a few exceptions - making English the only working language, and
- a large number of minor changes.

The proposed revised Articles of Association were adopted by the IGU Council in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on September 18, 2002 and can be seen on the IGU web site: www.igu.org

Task Force C (TF-C) considers and proposes the position of the Union to issues within Climate Change and Sustainable development. TF-C reports to the Executive Committee and to the Council. It has been decided to integrate the work of TF-C into the new IGU Programme Committee A (PGC A) in the Triennium 2003-2006.

Contacts with other International Organisations

IGU is generally aiming at increasing co-operation with other international organisations as part of the rationalisation scheme.



LNG 14

IGU is as a co-sponsor involved in preparing the 14th Liquefied Natural Gas Conference (LNG 14), which is to take place in Doha, Qatar on 21-24 March 2004. IGU has the Secretariat of the Steering Committee, chaired by Mr. Hiroshi Urano, President of IGU, and which met in spring 2002 for its second meeting.

IGRC

IGU is as a co-sponsor also involved in preparing the IGRC 2004 Conference, which is to be held in Vancouver, Canada, 31 October - 3 November 2004. The Policy Committee is chaired by Mr. George H.B. Verberg, Vice President of IGU.

Intergas Marketing (IGM)

IGU maintains a close relationship with IGM. Co-operation between IGU and IGM is further strengthened by integrating some IGM subjects and IGM representatives in the work of IGU as indicated in the IGU Triennial Work Programme 2000-2003.

Eurogas

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

World Energy Council (WEC)

IGU is normally represented in several working groups and bodies of WEC. The Secretary-General of IGU represents IGU in the meetings of the Executive Assembly.

United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

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

Publications

The Vision, Mission and Objectives of IGU, adopted and published back in 2001 and most of the materials mentioned above can be found on the IGU website: www.igu.org.

Initiated by the Japan Gas Association, IGU published the booklet "Natural Gas Supply to 2100" which was distributed to all Members.

The following publications can be obtained from the IGU Secretariat:

- The proceedings from 20th World Gas Conference in Copenhagen on CD-ROM
- The proceedings from 21st World Gas Conference in Nice in CD-ROM
- The Triennial Work Programme 2000-2003
- The booklet: "Global Natural Gas Perspectives"
- The booklet "Natural Gas Supply to 2100"
- Climate change - the case for gas (Joint IGU/Eurogas/Marcogas brochure)
- IGU General Brochure
- IGU Brochure: "Towards a Sustainable Future"

The IGU Environmental Charter, which can be found on the IGU website is under revision. A new text is due to be published in the course of 2003.



Communication

Fruitful communication both within the world-wide IGU organisation and with the outside world, is getting constant attention.

Inside IGU, its officers try to maintain close personal relationship with members by attending annual meetings and special events – when possible.

Thus in year 2002 the President, the Secretary General and the TCC Chairman attended numerous events both within IGU, with other International Organisations and at different Conferences.

The IGU website, found at www.igu.org, was launched in a completely new design during the ICT Symposium in Prague, the Czech Republic in April 2002. While under continuous development, this website intends to offer information to a broad audience both within and outside IGU.

It is divided into

- a public part with general and detailed information about IGU, its member organisations, its publications and its documentation.
It also contains general information from TCC, a link to NOC/WGC2003 (providing information about the next World Gas Conference), numerous links to related organisations/energy entities as well as a Calendar of events.
- A “Members Only” part which requires Username and Password, containing internal messages and documents within the organisation.

Nearly all IGU members now have electronic contact with the IGU Secretariat.

Additional Information

IGU ORGANISATION

IGU Council

President from June 9, 2000:	Mr. Hiroshi Urano
Vice President from June 9, 2000	Mr. George H.B. Verberg
Secretary General from July 1, 2000:	Mr. Peter K. Storm



Executive Committee 2000-2003:

The IGU President (Chairman)
The Vice-President
The Immediate Past President
The Chairman of the Technical Co-ordinating Committee

Countries represented at
the Executive Committee :

Algeria
Argentina
Canada
France
Germany
Italy
Japan
Malaysia
the Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Russia
Spain
United Kingdom
USA

Technical Co-ordinating Committee (TCC)

Chairman of TCC from June 9, 2000: Mr. Chiaki (Jack) Gomi

10 Working Committees each with a number of Study groups.
(For further information please refer to the Triennial Work Programme 2000-2003)

Member Associations

Please visit the IGU website: www.igu.org

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