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## IGU Annual Report 2003

### What is IGU?

The International Gas Union, which was established 73 years ago, is a world-wide non-commercial, non-political and non-government organisation with currently 80 members from all over the world. These members are primarily the most representative gas organisations or companies of a country, which may encompass producers, transporters, distributors, technological and scientific institutes, and appliance manufacturers.

Before January 2003, the IGU Membership typically consisted of National Gas Associations or National Gas Companies with only one member from each country. New members were initially approved as Observer members and could then later become Charter members.

According to the newly approved changes in the IGU Articles of Association (AoA), all current members automatically became Charter members as of 1 January, 2003 and from every member country other individual Associations or companies related to the Gas Industry could from then on join as Associate Members. Since then, a lot of interest in becoming an Associate member has been shown and with this new concept IGU expects to broaden the knowledge base and the network considerably.

Apart from the Charter member of the country in question, up to nine Associate Members can be 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 nine Working and Programme Committees which study all aspects of the gas industry from the wellhead to the burner tip. The Committees report at the World Gas Conference every three years.

The Vision of IGU is : "Recognising that natural gas has an important part to play in satisfying the global need for an environment-friendly energy source, IGU will be the most influential, effective and independent non-profit organisation, while serving as the spokesman for the gas industry world-wide."

The more elaborate Missions and Objectives can be found on the IGU website, [www.igu.org](http://www.igu.org).

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 2003

- World Gas Conference (WGC)

The term of the Japanese Presidency with Mr. Hiroshi Urano as President of IGU, came to a close at the end of the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Gas Conference which took place in Tokyo, Japan on 1-5 June 2003 being the first WGC ever held in Asia.

The theme for the Japanese Presidency and the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Gas Conference was:  
“Catalysing an Eco-Responsible Future.”



The WGC 2003 was a tremendous success. More than 5,200 participants from more than 73 countries and regions attended the Conference in Tokyo and the Exhibition attracted more than 33,000 visitors, a record high number.

After the 22<sup>nd</sup> WGC the previous Vice President, Mr. George H.B. Verberg took over as IGU President. His term will be concluded at the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> WGC in 2009.

By June 2004 the WGC 2006 Exhibition prospectus will be issued. Some 17,000m<sup>2</sup> Exhibition space have so far been reserved by the organisers for further lease.

The General Programme and Registration form will be published in November 2005. You can also order it and find the contents on the special WGC 2006-website: [www.wgc2006.nl](http://www.wgc2006.nl).

- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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

At the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP 9) held in Milan, Italy on 1-12 December 2003, IGU was present in the adjacent table exhibition promoting its views on Sustainable Development/Climate Change. In addition, IGU organised two Special Events covering the issue "Natural Gas, also the Better Choice in Transport" bringing in speakers from Argentina, India and Italy to promote gas taking into account the special theme "Transport" chosen by the UNFCCC Secretariat.



- Technology Transfer

To initiate and stress IGU's commitment to accelerate transfer of technology among its members, IGU supported the initiative of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) in the organisation of "First Asian Gas Buyers' Summit" held on 24-25 March 2003 in Mumbai, India. The second Summit of this kind will be held in early February 2004.

## **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 2003 the following new Charter members joined IGU:

- Bolivia (represented by Camara Boliviana de Hidrocarburos),
- Cameroon (represented by Société Nationale des Hydrocarbures),

while the following new Associated members were admitted:

- BP Gas, Power & Renewables (United Kingdom),
- ChevronTexaco Overseas Petroleum (USA),
- Gaz de France (France),
- IGDAS - Istanbul Gas Distribution Co. (Turkey),
- Naturgas Fyn A/S (Denmark),
- nv NUON (the Netherlands),
- Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras (Brazil),
- Ruhrgas AG (Germany),
- Russian Gas Society (Russia),
- RWE Gas AG (Germany),
- Shell International Gas Ltd. (United Kingdom),
- TBG - Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Bolivia-Brasil S/A (Brazil),
- TOTAL S.A. (France), and
- Tractebel s.a. (Belgium).

By the end of 2003, the IGU Council unfortunately had to revoke the Membership of the former Romanian Charter member that ceased to exist.

Hence, the total membership at the end of 2003 amounted to 80, of which 14 were Associate members, in total representing 90% of world gas.

The Membership fee for 2003 was EUR 4,500.- per year for both Charter and Associate Members.



## Meetings of IGU Bodies

IGU's activities are supervised by the Council, the Executive Committee and the Coordination Committee (CC) which succeeded the Technical Co-ordinating Committee (TCC) 2000-2003. 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.

Only Charter members can vote in the Council, but the group of Associate members have two representatives with voting rights in the Executive Committee.

The function of the Coordination Committee is to coordinate the activities of the IGU Working and Programme Committees and to provide for all arrangements relevant to the Programme for the next World Gas Conference.

During 2003 the following meetings of these bodies took place:

<b>Council:</b>	Tokyo, Japan, 1 June 2003 (prior to WGC2003) Cape Town, South Africa, 29-30 October 2003
<b>Executive Committee:</b>	Tatranská Lomnica, Slovak Republic, 11 April, 2003 Cape Town, South Africa, 28 October 2003
<b>Technical Co-ordinating Committee (TCC until WGC 2003):</b>	Tatranská Lomnica, Slovak Republic, 11 April, 2003
<b>Coordination Committee (CC after WGC 2003):</b>	Cape Town, South Africa, 28 October 2003

## Contacts with other International Organisations

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

### LNG 14

IGU is as a co-sponsor involved in preparing the 14<sup>th</sup> Liquefied Natural Gas Conference (LNG 14), which is to take place in Doha, Qatar on 21-24 March 2004. IGU is in charge of the Secretariat of the Steering Committee, currently chaired by Mr. Hiroshi Urano, Immediate Past President of IGU, and which met in June 2003 for its third meeting.

### IGRC

IGU is as a co-sponsor also involved in preparing the International Gas Research Conference (IGRC) 2004, which is to be held in Vancouver, Canada, 1-4 November 2004. The Policy Committee is chaired by Mr. George H.B. Verberg, President of IGU.

### Intergas Marketing (IGM)

IGU maintains a close relationship with IGM. Co-operation between IGU and IGM was further strengthened by a mutual Memorandum of Understanding signed during the WGC in Tokyo according



to which IGM is becoming an Organisation affiliated to IGU. In addition, some IGM subjects and IGM representatives are integrated in the work of IGU as indicated in the IGU Triennial Work Programme 2003-2006.

### **Eurelectric**

IGU is represented in the Eurelectric Programme Committee preparing its next Annual Convention.

### **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 the Union in the meetings of the Executive Assembly. WEC is participating in the IGU Task Force on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) preparing an ICT World Energy Congress to be held in Busan (Pusan), Korea on 23-25 May 2005.

### **World Petroleum Congress (WPC)**

Demonstrating the wish among the Presidencies of IGU and WPC for closer cooperation, a Joint Statement of IGU and WPC was prepared and approved by the IGU Council in October 2003 and by the WPC Council in December 2003. WPC will also participate in the above mentioned Programme Committee of the IGU Task Force on ICT, and both Organisations will engage themselves more actively in each other's Events.

### **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 following publications can be obtained from the IGU Secretariat:

- The proceedings from 20<sup>th</sup> World Gas Conference in Copenhagen on CD-ROM
- The proceedings from 21<sup>st</sup> World Gas Conference in Nice on CD-ROM
- The proceedings from 22<sup>nd</sup> World Gas Conference in Tokyo on CD-ROM
- The Triennial Work Programme 2003-2006
- The IGU Book "Seven Decades with IGU"
- 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 Articles of Association and "Guiding Principles for Sustainable Development" (substituting the former IGU Environmental Charter) can be found on the IGU website and are also obtainable in printed version.



## Communication

Fruitful communication both within the world-wide IGU organisation and with the outside world, is getting constant attention. Within IGU, its officers try to maintain close personal relationship with members by attending annual meetings and special events – when possible.

Thus in year 2003 the President, the Secretary General and the TCC and CC Chairmen, respectively, attended numerous events both within IGU, with other International Organisations and at different Conferences.

*The IGU website*, found at [www.igu.org](http://www.igu.org), was launched in a completely new design back in 2002. While under continuous development, this website intends to offer "News, Views and Knowledge about Gas" 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 CC, a link to NOC/WGC2006 (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 until June 5, 2003:	Mr. Hiroshi Urano (Japan)
President from June 6, 2003	Mr. George H.B. Verberg (the Netherlands)
Vice President from June 6, 2003	Mr. Ernesto L. Anadón (Argentina)
Secretary General from July 1, 2000:	Mr. Peter K. Storm



### **Executive Committee 2003-2006:**

The IGU President (Chairman)  
The Vice-President  
The Immediate Past President  
The Chairman of the Coordination Committee  
The Vice Chairman of the Coordination Committee

Member Countries represented in the Executive Committee :

Algeria  
Argentina  
Denmark  
France  
Germany  
Italy  
Korea, Republic of  
Malaysia  
Norway  
Poland  
Russia  
Slovak Republic  
Spain  
United Kingdom  
USA

Representatives of Associate Members :

Ruhrgas AG  
Total S.A.

### **Technical Co-ordinating Committee (TCC)/Coordination Committee (CC)**

Chairman of TCC until June 5, 2003: Mr. Chiaki (Jack) Gomi  
Chairman of CC from June 6, 2003: Mr. Bert Panman

9 IGU Committees each with a number of Study groups.  
2 Task Forces on R&D and on ICT (Information and Communication Technology).  
3 Special Projects on 1) Sustainability, 2) Regulation and 3) Gas to Power.

For further information please refer to the Triennial Work Programme 2003-2006 on the IGU website.

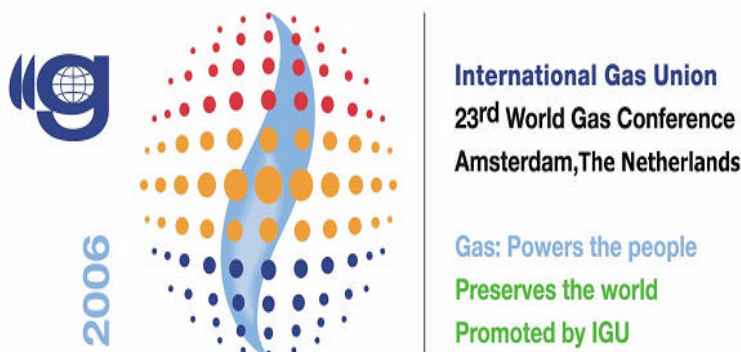
### **Member Entities**

Please visit the IGU website: [www.igu.org](http://www.igu.org)





## **The 23<sup>rd</sup> World Gas Conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in June 2006**



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