



IGU Annual Report 2007 (For information purposes)

What is IGU?

The International Gas Union, which was established 77 years ago, is a world-wide non-commercial, non-political and non-government organization with currently 99 members from all over the world. These members are primarily the most representative gas organizations or companies of a country, which may encompass producers, transporters, distributors, technological and scientific institutes, and appliance manufacturers.

Until 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.

Following the changes in the IGU Articles of Association (AoA) approved in September 2002, 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 profound interest in becoming an Associate member has prevailed and with this new concept IGU has broadened its 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 this end it organises the World Gas Conference and Exhibition and manages currently nine Working and Programme Committees that 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: "Recognizing 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 organization, 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

Together, IGU's members cover around 95 % 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 2007

LNG 15 in Barcelona, Spain

IGU is one of the main sponsors behind the LNG X conferences and maintain the Secretariat of the Steering Committee for these conferences. The other sponsors are Gas Technology Institute (GTI) of Chicago, USA and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) with their offices in Paris, France. LNG 15 took place in Barcelona, Spain in April 2007 with some 5.000 participants out of which around 2500 were delegates. It also featured a large exhibition from the LNG industry. LNG 16 is scheduled to take place in Algeria in 2010. The current IGU President is chairman of the Steering Committee.

Joint meeting on Green House gases

IGU organized a joint meeting on CO 2 emissions and sequestration for representatives from some of the standing IGU Committees in May 2007. This has developed into a special project, the result of which will be presented at the next World Gas Conference.

Participation in WEC and WPC

IGU was attending both the World Energy Council (WEC) Congress in Rome, Italy and the World Petroleum Council (WPC) annual meeting in November 2007. In both cases IGU made presentations, promoting the activities of IGU.

UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Members of the IGU Programme Committee A on Sustainable development and the Secretary General represented IGU at the 13th Conference of the Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 13), which took place in Bali, Indonesia in December 2007.

Furthermore, the IGU President, both the outgoing and the incoming Secretary General and other IGU officers gave a number of presentations at different Conferences around the world. IGU presentations may be found on the IGU web site under “Knowledge Database”.

The Secretariat

Since July 2000 the Secretariat of IGU has been located in Hoersholm, north of Copenhagen in Denmark. The office space was made available by DONG Energy A/S. The Secretary General was assisted by two Assistants, one of which was seconded from RWE Energy in Germany.

At the 2007 Council meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia the Danish Secretary General stepped down and a Vice-President from StatoilHydro ASA in Norway was elected new Secretary General. Consequently the IGU secretariat moved as of November 1, 2007 to offices provided by StatoilHydro ASA in the outskirts of Oslo, Norway.



Membership

In 2007 Bulgaria joined IGU as a Charter Member and the following new associate members were admitted:

The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)

China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)

TAQA, Arab Company for Energy, a major gas Company from Cairo, Egypt .

Hence, the total membership at the end of 2007 amounted to 99, of which 31 were Associate members, A list of the countries represented as well as a list of Associate Members of IGU is enclosed.

The Membership fee for 2007 was EUR 4,500 per year for both Charter and Associate Members, and it remains at that level for 2008.

Meetings of IGU Bodies

IGU's activities are supervised by the Council, the Executive Committee and the Coordination Committee (CC)

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 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.

Only Charter members can vote in the Council, but the group of Associate members currently has three 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 2007 the following meetings of these bodies took place:

Council:

St. Peterburg, Russia, 24.October 2007

Executive Committee:

Montreux, Switzerland, 4. May 2007

St. Petersburg, Russia, 23. October 2007



Coordination Committee (CC):
Montreux, Switzerland, 4. May 2007
St. Petersburg, Russia, 23. October 2007

Contacts with other International Organizations

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

By the end of 2007 GERG (Groupe Européen de Recherches Gazières), Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE), Marcogaz, Pipeline Research Council International, Inc (PRCI), Foundation IGRC and the International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (IANGV) with its European and Asian arms, as well as NGV.RUS were all organizations affiliated to IGU.

IGRC

After Gas Technology Institute in USA withdrew as a sponsor IGRC became solely under the wings of IGU with the name IGU Gas Research Conference (same acronym). Gasunie Technology and Research (Netherlands) has taken over the role from GTI in hosting the IGRC Secretariat. The Policy Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President of IGU is together with a Programme Committee preparing the next IGRC, taking place on 8-10 October 2008 in Paris, France.

Intergas Marketing (IGM)

IGU and IGM have agreed that IGM is to be gradually changed into a special IGU Committee (IGU Marketing Committee - IGM) and eventually incorporated in the Triennial Work Programme 2009-2012.

Eurelectric

IGU has been represented in the Eurelectric Programme Committee preparing its Annual Convention.

Eurogas

IGU is represented by its Secretary General in the Plenary Meetings of Eurogas - and vice versa with Eurogas being a Charter member of IGU.

Groupe International des Importateurs de Gaz Naturel Liquéfié (GIIGNL)

IGU is represented by its President in the General Assembly of GIIGNL.

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.

World Petroleum Council (WPC)

IGU is normally participating in some of the natural Gas sessions at the WPC Congresses and the Secretary General is attending the annual meetings of the WPC Council.

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 20th World Gas Conference in Copenhagen on CD-ROM

The proceedings from 21st World Gas Conference in Nice on CD-ROM

The proceedings from 22nd World Gas Conference in Tokyo on CD-ROM

The proceedings from 23rd World Gas Conference in Amsterdam on CD-ROM

The Triennial Work Programme 2006-2009

The IGU Book "Seven Decades with IGU" (2001)

The booklet "Natural Gas Supply to 2100" (2002)

IGU General Brochure

IGU Brochure: "Towards a Sustainable Future"

IGU Magazine - biannual publication

Gas to Power - Global Outlook, Special Project prepared for WGC 2006

Sustainable Development and the Role of Gas, Special Project prepared for WGC 2006

The "Art" of Regulation, Special Project prepared for WGC 2006

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 organization and with the outside world, is getting continual attention. Within IGU, its officers try to maintain close personal relationship with members by attending annual meetings and special events – when possible.

Thus during 2007 the President, both the outgoing and the incoming Secretary Generals, the CC Chairman and dedicated members from IGU Committees attended numerous events both within IGU, with other International Organizations and at different Conferences.

The IGU website, found at www.igu.org

, was launched in its current design in June 2006. While under continuous development, it offers "News, Views and Knowledge about Gas" to a broad audience both within and outside IGU. The current website also includes the main functionalities of the IGU Collaboration Portal, launched and maintained during the former Dutch triennium.

The information and data available on the web site are divided into:

public information

available without login details. This contains general and detailed information about IGU, its member organizations, its publications and its documentation.

It also contains general information from CC, a link to WGC2009 (providing information about the next World Gas Conference), numerous links to related organizations/energy entities as well as a calendar of events.



members only information

requiring username and password. This contains internal messages and documents within the organization as well as complete membership representatives' contact details. Committee chairs and secretaries have editing access to their sections on the web site, where details of meetings, working documents and progress reports may be added.

Additional Information

IGU ORGANIZATION

IGU Council

President (2006-2009)	Mr. Ernesto Lopez. Anadón (Argentina)
Vice President (2006-2009)	Datuk Abdul Rahim Haji Hashim (Malaysia)
Secretary General (until November 2007)	Mr. Peter K. Storm
Secretary General (from November 2007)	Mr. Torstein Indreboe

Executive Committee 2006-2009:

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
Austria
Czech Republic
Denmark
France
Germany
Italy
Korea, Republic of
Malaysia
Netherlands
Norway
Russia
United Kingdom
USA



Representatives of Associate Members:

BP Gas, Power & Renewables
Total S.A.
Instituto Brasileiro Petróleo e Gas

The Management Team

The President,
The Vice President
The Immediate Past President
The Secretary General
The Chairman of the Coordination Committee
The Vice Chairman of the Coordination Committee

Coordination Committee (CC)

Chairman of CC: Mr. Roberto Brandt

9 IGU Committees each with a number of Study groups and with more than 700 registered participants from the membership
2 Task Forces on R&D and on GMI (Gas Market Integration)
Special Project on 2030 Study
Special Committees on IGU Research Conference (IGRC) and IGU marketing (IGM)

For further information please refer to the Triennial Work Programme 2006-2009 on the IGU website.

Member Entities

Please visit the IGU website: www.igu.org

The 24rd World Gas Conference is taking place in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 5-9 October 2009.



24th World Gas Conference
ARGENTINA | 2009



Chairman of the National Organising Committee for WGC 2009:

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Please visit the special website for WGC2009 - www.wgc2009.com

Secretariat of International Gas Union

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Advisor:	Erik Gonder
Assistant to the Secretary General:	Barbara Anette Schmid (Seconded)

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Sandvika, 28 April 2008

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Indreboe', is positioned above the typed name.

Torstein Indreboe
Secretary General of IGU



Countries represented in IGU as per 31. December 2007:

Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Belarus, Republic of
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Brunei
Bulgaria
Cameroon
Canada
China, People's Rep. of
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Egypt
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hong Kong, China
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Kazakhstan
Korea, Rep. of
Latvia
Lithuania
Malaysia
Monaco
Netherlands
Nigeria
Norway
Oman, Sultanate of
Pakistan
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania



Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
Singapore
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan, China
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
USA
Venezuela

IGU Associate Members as per 31.December 2007:

BP Gas, Power & Renewables (United Kingdom)
Bursagaz (Turkey)
Cheniere Energy, Inc. (USA)
Chevron Corp. (USA)
China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) (P.R.China)
ConocoPhillips Company (USA)
DanaGas (United Arab Emirates)
E.ON Ruhrgas AG (Germany)
GAZBIR-Union of Natural Gas Distribution Companies (Turkey)
Gaz de France (France)
IGDAŞ - Istanbul Gas Distribution Co. (Turkey)
Indian Oil Corporation (India)
INGAA, The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Instituto Brasileiro Petróleo e Gás (Brazil)
IZGAZ (Turkey)
Naturgas Fyn A/S (Denmark)
NV Nederlandse Gasunie (the Netherlands)
NV NUON Asset Management (the Netherlands)
Petrochina (P.R. China)
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras (Brazil)
Russian Gas Society (Russia)



RWE Gas AG/ RWE Energy (Germany)
Shell Gas & Power International B.V. (the Netherlands)
S.N.G.N. Romgaz S.A. (Romania)
Suez S.A. (Belgium)
Swiss Gas and Water Industry (Switzerland)
TAQA, Arab Company for Energy, (Egypt)
TBG - Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Bolivia-Brasil S/A (Brazil)
TOTAL S.A. (France)
Union Fenosa Gas (Spain)
Union of Independent Gas Producers (Russia)