

International Gas Union
Working Committee 4 – Distribution

First Meeting

9th – 12th October 2012

Cologne, Germany

Minutes of Meeting

List of Participants

1. Spohn, Dietmar – Germany	WOC 4 Chairman
2. Almacellas Gonzalez, Jose Maria – Spain	WOC 4 Vice Chairman
3. Broisler Oliver, Jose Carlos – Brazil	Leader SG 4.1
4. Flosbach, Peter – Germany	Leader SG 4.2
5. Vercamer, Pascal – France	Leader SG 4.3
6. Catela Pequeno, Jose Francisco Quinta – Portugal	Vice Leader SG 4.1
7. Somers, Rory – Ireland	Vice Leader SG 4.2
8. Vallender, Steven – United Kingdom	Vice Leader SG 4.3
9. Asada, Akiharu – Japan	SG 4.3
10. Busetincan, Danijela – Croatia	SG 4.2
11. Cagala, Libor – Czech Republic	SG 4.3
12. Chaczykowski, Maciej – Poland	SG 4.2
13. Chaintreuil, Benoit – France	SG 4.1
14. Cordier, Remy – France	SG 4.2
15. Demec, Peter – Slovakia	SG 4.1
16. Drozdowski, Roch – France	SG 4.3
17. Hakkoum, Mohamed – Algeria	SG 4.3
18. Herskind, Birgitte – Denmark	SG 4.3
19. Hiranuma, Makoto – Japan	SG 4.1
20. Hong, Seong-Kyeong – Republic of Korea	SG 4.1
21. Jang, Jin Seok – Republic of Korea	SG 4.3
22. Klimenko, Vladimir – Russian Federation	SG 4.2
23. Lambregts, Ben – The Netherlands	SG 4.3
24. McAll, Rosemary – United Kingdom	SG 4.1
25. Piazza Junior, Walter Fernando – Brazil	SG 4.1
26. Pulles, Kees – The Netherlands	SG 4.3
27. Schicketmüller, Christian – Austria	SG 4.2
28. Toriumi, Ryoichi – Japan	SG 4.3
29. Verbeek, Peter – The Netherlands	SG 4.3
30. Vrancken, Kim – Belgium	SG 4.3
31. Vucur, Dragan – Serbia	SG 4.2
32. Tournie, Yves – France	Guest – CC Secretary
33. Dapper, Maik – Germany	Guest – DVGW
34. Meissner, Stephan – Germany	Guest – Stadtwerke Bochum

Committee Meeting

10th October 2012, 09.00 – 13.00

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening

Dietmar Spohn welcomes the participants to the first meeting of IGU WOC 4 in the new triennium and declares the meeting open. After that he shortly introduces his company – Stadtwerke Bochum – which is hosting this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Dietmar Spohn presents the agenda for the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, the study group sessions, as well as the general programme.

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of Members

All members shortly introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 4: Introduction to the 2012 – 2015 Triennium

Yves Tournie gives a slide presentation on the 2012 – 2015 triennium. Special focus is put on the triennium theme “Growing together towards a friendly planet” as well as the four strategic pillars:

- Natural gas for a sustainable development
- Combination with renewables and electricity
- Natural gas available everywhere
- Human resources for the future

The first part ends with some dates and figures. In particular, WOC 4 currently has a total of 73 members and is the third largest committee. In addition, the call for paper will start on 1st February 2014.

In the second part of his presentation **Yves Tournie** gives an introduction to the IGU website as well as the new extranet. He announces that all members will receive their login information for the extranet after the CC meeting in Ottawa next week.

Agenda Item 5: Time-schedule of WOC 4 for the 2012 – 2015 Triennium

Dietmar Spohn gives an introduction to who will be doing what and when in WOC 4 in the new triennium. After that the meeting schedule is discussed. The next meeting will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Agenda Items 6 – 8: Introduction of SG 4.1 – 4.3

The three study group leaders – **Jose Carlos Broisler Oliver** (SG 4.1), **Peter Flosbach** (SG 4.2), and **Pascal Vercaemer** (SG 4.3) – present their first ideas for the study groups in the new triennium.

- SG 4.1: Regulation of Third Party Access to Gas Distribution Networks – A Standard Approach
- SG 4.2: Diversification of Gas Quality and Nonconventional Sources in a Carbon-free Future
- SG 4.3: Smart Grids in Gas Distribution

After that the participants split up into the three study groups according to the above list of participants.

Agenda Item 9: Current Topics in the German Gas Industry

Maik Dapper – invited guest from the German Association of Gas and Water (DVGW) – gives a slide presentation on the German gas industry. After some general facts and figures he presents, in particular, the results of the DVGW research initiative on smart grids.

Plenary Meeting

11th October 2012, 13.00 – 14.30

Agenda Item 1: Results of SG 4.1

Jose Carlos Broisler Oliver presents the first results of Study Group 4.1. These contain, in particular, the initial views of the group on third party access in general, important technical and economic aspects, costs and tariffs, as well as legislation and regulation. In addition, the group developed an action plan for the next meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Results of SG 4.2

Peter Flosbach gives an overview of the progress in Study Group 4.2. The group analysed, in particular, the initial status of the diversification of gas quality in selected countries. Starting from that opportunities to exploit the gas composition ranges more efficiently as well as the development of supra-regional standards were discussed.

As there is currently no operative experience on unconventional gas in the group, support would be welcome.

Agenda Item 3: Results of SG 4.3

Steven Vallender and **Roch Drozdowski** present the first results of Study Group 4.3. The main objectives of the group will be to define the functionalities of Smart Gas Grids, to set up a set of assessment criteria, as well as to identify their value. The group already developed a first scoring matrix for gas quality control and defined their next steps.

Agenda Item 4: Time-Schedule

Dietmar Spohn thanks the study group leaders for the good first results and the study groups for their active work. After that he shows the updated meeting schedule.

He raises the question, whether the study groups need a questionnaire for data collection. While SG 4.2 and 4.3 state that they do not need a questionnaire, SG 4.1 will discuss this matter in the next meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Preparation of the Next Meeting

Jose Carlos Broisler Oliver, who will be hosting the next meeting in Sao Paulo, gives a first overview of the venue. More details will follow closer to the meeting. **Dietmar Spohn** thanks him for his support as a meeting host.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

Dietmar Spohn asks all participants for questions, comments, and remarks. There is no request to speak.

Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

Dietmar Spohn thanks all participants for their active work. After that he declares the meeting closed.