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Foreword by the President of IGU

Today, energy companies are facing considerable energy and environmental challenges. These include meeting energy demand, ensuring supply security, opening energy markets and mitigating climate change. These challenges call for the mobilisation of everyone involved. Researchers have a particular role to play in understanding the long-term impact of today's activities and decisions and preparing the technology and innovations for the future.

Despite intense interests to accelerate the development of 'green energy' for the creation of the low carbon economy, natural gas will remain one of the best energy providers and will keep a large part in the global energy mix.

However, in order to maintain the natural gas's prominent role as the fuel of choice in the coming decades, IGU needs to deeply anchor gas as the engine for global growth. It is the impulse IGU would like to give through the IGRC 2011 conference which will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, between 19 and 21 October 2011 with its slogan:

Innovations as a key driver of the sustainable future!

More than ever, the gas industry needs to combine skills and resources with institutions of higher learning on the one hand and with the engineering organisations and equipment manufacturers on the other hand to define the technology breakthroughs which will increase the natural gas competitiveness and sustainability by offering exceptional efficiency to our customers. The IGRC 2011 will be a unique opportunity to assess what are today's industry objectives and what are the expected R&D results.

We are preparing a balanced programme between research and more business-oriented issues. We are focusing on minimising the foot print of the natural gas chain, from exploration and production to natural gas uses, and on greening of natural gas production and uses with renewable energy sources.

I am pleased to invite you to the world's foremost gas research conference. We call upon you and your colleagues to put this conference in your planning and prepare to submit papers and attend the conference.

IGRC 2011 builds on the great success of IGRC 2008

IGRC is a series of conferences that has taken place every three years for more than 20 years, recently under the auspices of the International Gas Union.

The last IGRC took place in Paris in October 2008. If you were there, it is unnecessary to say that this conference exceeded all expectations. With over 800 registered participants, the venue in Paris was a unique exchanges and networking opportunity for researchers, experts and business representatives. When asked about their opinion on the conference organisation and the content, delegates' reactions were overwhelmingly positive, which confirmed that a clear picture was painted of the business dimensions of technologies, which from the onset was the prime goal of



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the organisers. It is our intention to further develop this great success into IGRC 2011.

Korea Gas Union bids welcome to IGRC 2011 in Seoul

The IGU is delighted that the Korea Gas Union has accepted the invitation to hold and to organise the IGRC2011 conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea between 19 and 21 October 2011. This guarantees a professionally-organised conference in a pleasant environment.

Host Country: Korea

Located at the centre of the Northeast Asian region, Korea has for thousands of years been the confluence where East meets West. Korea today is fascinating blend of old and new, and visitors will experience the essence of its glorious 5,000-year cultural heritage.



Venue City: Seoul

Seoul is the capital of Korea with over 600 years of history. It is the heart of Korea's culture and education as well as politics and economics. Seoul is unique in that historical sites and modern cultural facilities coexist in harmony. Located in a temperate zone and blessed with four distinct seasons, Seoul is a flourishing metropolis of over 11 million people. But despite being one of the world's largest cities, it is remarkably safe, and visitors can enjoy the city's vibrant culture any time day or night without worry.



Venue: COEX

COEX, the venue of IGRC2011, is the No. 1 convention facility in Korea. It boasts 225,000 square meters of space and state-of-the-art exhibition and convention facilities. It is located in central business area and has already hosted a variety of international events including LNG13. COEX has multiple luxurious hotels within walking distances, direct access to Seoul's subway system, and a shopping mall and entertainment centre under the same roof.



Technology preparedness is what we offer

The gas industry must not and cannot fight the formation of a new energy regime that in many years from now will be independent of fossil fuels.

What we need to do, is to refine our gas technologies even further to enhance energy efficiency, sustainability, flexibility and safety.

IGRC 2011 is a great opportunity for the gas technology world to showcase how this is done to the benefit of all gas customers and to the gas sector in a broad sense.

Researchers, managers, CEO's, university scholars, authorities, etc. will all gather in Seoul during two and a half days in October 2011 to assist you in building up your technology preparedness.

What will happen next?

You can expect to receive the call for papers for this prestigious conference during the 3rd quarter of 2010. The final date for submission of abstracts is February 1st, 2011. The final conference programme will be distributed in early 2011.

The deadline for the submission of papers for the proceedings will be the 2nd quarter of 2011.

Remember to mark you calendar already now

IGRC-2011

19 - 21 October 2011

Seoul

Republic of Korea

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