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José Carreras and Sara Baras to perform at the 19th World Petroleum Congress

A highlight of the 19th WPC Opening Dinner, sponsored by Repsol YPF, will be the unique performance by the internationally renowned flamenco dancer Sara Baras, and the tenor José Carreras. The award-winning dancer and the world famous tenor will perform music from the leading Spanish poets and composers from the 19th and 20th centuries, promising a memorable evening for all participants of the Congress.



José Carreras and Sara Baras

Call for Papers unprecedented success!

Over 2,000 petroleum experts from 70 countries around the world responded to the World Petroleum Council's invitation to share their knowledge with the attendees of the 19th World Petroleum Congress. They submitted more than 1500 abstracts for the papers and posters at the event. Authors could select from 24 topics in the wide-ranging Technical Programme which had been compiled by the international Congress Programme Committee to recognize the scientific, technological and professional achievements of the petroleum industry. The topics for the sessions reflect the official theme for the 19th World Petroleum Congress: **A World in Transition: Delivering Energy for Sustainable Growth.**

The Director General of the World Petroleum Council, Dr. Pierce Riemer, was pleased by these results: "We are delighted with the positive response, This is a new record in our 75 year history. We will be able to present an outstanding selection of world class, quality papers and posters at the 19th World Petroleum Congress."

The Forum Chairs now have the difficult task to evaluate all submissions and select the best papers and posters for each Forum. With nearly 300 places to be awarded, the World Petroleum Congress demonstrates once again its role as a benchmark for the oil and gas industry. The best papers will be presented at the Congress, while the best posters will be showcased in the state-of-the-art interactive Poster Plaza in a prime position of the exhibition hall. The results will be available in December 2007 and will be publicized on the official website www.19wpc.com.



From left to right: Jorge Segrelles, Chairman of the Spanish Organising Committee; Carlos Pérez de Bricio, CEO, Cepsa, Co-Host Sponsor of the 19th WPC; Ignasi Nieto: Secretary General on Energy, Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade; Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón: Mayor of Madrid; Ana Botella: Environment town councillor; Antonio Brufau, President of Comupet, the 19th WPC organising company, CEO of Repsol YPF Host Sponsor of the 19th WPC.

19th WPC Official Presentation

The Mayor of Madrid, Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón, and Antonio Brufau, Chairman & CEO of Repsol YPF and President of Comupet, the 19th WPC organising company, unveiled the 19th World Petroleum Congress at the Official Presentation held in Madrid on the 17th of October.

During the presentation Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón, summed up the significance of the Congress: "If there is one issue that attracts worldwide attention at present, that issue is energy, both because it is vital to progress and because of the role its production and consumption plays in a model predicated on sustainable development". An event which, with oil prices hitting an all-time high last Monday, will "focus the attention of analysts worldwide on Madrid, a city destined to become a global metropolis".



The audience listens to presentations on the 19th World Petroleum Congress

The Official Presentation gave an overview of the Congress, the programme, the speakers and the exhibitions and highlighted its importance for the oil & gas industry and also Spain itself. Antonio Brufau, Chairman & CEO of Repsol YPF, the Host Sponsor of the 19th WPC, stated that "the Congress is an opportunity for the Spanish oil and gas industry to showcase its current paradigm and future plans" against a backdrop in which "the oil industry will pronounce its full commitment to the principles of sustainable development". Mr. Brufau highlighted that the sector's performance in Spain in recent years positioned the country as a candidate to host the event. He also referred to other pressing issues such as deregulation of the oil and gas market, corporate internationalisation, the spin-off of generation and distribution activities and the significant levels of investment required to diversify oil and gas sources and thereby ensure uninterrupted supply, "Spain stands out for its technological developments in reducing environmental damage and for research into and the use of renewable sources of energy such as bio fuels, photovoltaic solar energy and wind energy".

With almost 200 attendees including CEOs, Ambassadors and 50 national and international journalists, the event was a great success.

South Eastern Europe shows great interest in 19th WPC

Hosted by the National Committee of Slovenia, the bi-annual WPC meeting for South Eastern Europe in Portoroz, was attended by nearly 100 representatives of petroleum companies and suppliers in the region. Focusing on "Sustainability and Competitiveness of the Petroleum Industry in South Eastern Europe", the meeting gave a comprehensive overview of the current developments in the regional markets and its upstream and downstream activities. The World Petroleum Council's President, Dr. Randy Gossen, gave the official welcome and took the opportunity to brief all attendees on the 19th World Petroleum Congress and invite them to participate in Madrid next year.



From Left: Dr. Rilwanu Lukman, former OPEC General Secretary, presented the Dinner Keynote, with Mr. Alec Peternel and Mr. Marko Kryzanowski from Slovenia's PETROL and the WPC President, Dr. Randy Gossen

19th WPC Team promotes Congress in Argentina

The 19th WPC team took part with a stand at the Argentina Oil & Gas Expo 2007. This biennial meeting attracted over 390 exhibitors and 30,000 visitors. The team met with several companies to further discuss their possible participation at the Congress including Albanesi, CDS Energy, CGC, Coade, Energy Consulting Services, Flargent, Medanito, Odebrecht, Laiken, Nalco, Repsa, Skanska, Tenaris, TGS, Veolia Water and many more.

Latin America is an important market for the next Congress, the team's promotion in Argentina will be followed by a stand at the Petroleum Exhibition and Conference of Mexico on the 6-8 November and a visit to the Oil & Gas Investment Conference in Cartagena, Colombia.

For the first time Argentina will be represented at the World Petroleum Congress with a stand of 108sqm; to be part of this national group please contact Martin Fuchs on tel: +34 91 7457442 or email: exhibitions@19wpc.com.

19th WPC Promotion Calendar

Upcoming Events.....

Over the next few months the 19th World Petroleum Congress team will be promoting the Congress at the following events:

<p>29 October - 1 November</p>	<p>Doha Conference on Natural Gas, Doha, Qatar VISIT US AT STAND NO: Z2</p>
<p>6-8 November 2007</p>	<p>Petroleum Exhibition and Conference of Mexico, Tabasco, Mexico VISIT US AT STAND NO: 1013</p>
<p>11 - 15 November 2007</p>	<p>World Energy Congress 2007, Rome, Italy VISIT US AT STAND NO: B14, Hall B8</p> <p><i>Join us on our stand for a Welcome Cocktail on Thursday 13th November at 12pm, or play the roulette and win a prize! - SIM Card Backup gadgets, individual reading lights, pen drives, T shirts and a new Ipod Touch will be raffled each day.</i></p>

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