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World Petroleum Council 75th Anniversary

This year's Congress marks the 75th Anniversary of the WPC. Thomas Dewhurst urged his fellow members of the Institution of Petroleum Technologists to create a world-wide forum of thought between oil men of various nations. This resulted in the call for the first World Petroleum Congress held in July 1933 in London. Their first and foremost purpose was to discuss the scientific issues of the petroleum industry in particular the challenges of production, of refining, and especially of consumption of oil as questions affecting the well-being of not one but of all nations.

On the 29th of June, nearly 75 years to the day, Spain will be the host of the 19th Congress and celebrate the enormous progress the industry has made in the last century. The Congresses have always provided an excellent overview of a cross section of the key issues in the petroleum sector, both in the areas of expertise of our industry and its demographics. From its early audience of learned academics and experts with decades of industry experience a younger group of delegates has evolved with many leaders of the future from around the world now participating in the Congress.

In honour of Thomas Dewhurst, the World Petroleum Council recognizes one of the outstanding individuals of our industry with the Dewhurst Award. H.E. Ali Al-Naimi, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, has been selected to receive this Award in WPC's anniversary year and will deliver the Dewhurst Lecture at the 19th WPC.

Ministerial Sessions at 19th WPC

On three days of the Congress high-level delegations will provide in-depth overviews and an update on the latest opportunities in their countries in the Ministerial Sessions. Ministers from Canada, Cuba, Colombia, Iran, Netherlands, Nigeria, Qatar, Russia, Venezuela and the UK have already confirmed their attendance at the Congress and will be hosting one hour sessions focusing on their countries and its potential for participation and investment. Following the Plenary presentations on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning the Ministerial Sessions already promise to be one of the highlights of the event.



Delegates at the 18th World Petroleum Congress

Daily News at 19 WPC to be provided by Petroleum Economist

The team of the Petroleum Economist, publisher of the influential monthly magazine, books, reports and maps, have been appointed to produce the Official 19th WPC Daily Newsletter at the Congress in Madrid. Starting with the Opening Day, delegates will be able to follow the latest news from the event, read interviews and highlights from the presentations of the key speakers at the Congress, check the latest schedule and receive updates on latest industry news. Special features include a photo review of the Congress and exhibition, as well as space dedicated to social responsibility and increasing the participation of young people and women in the industry. Participants will be able to pick up copies of the newsletters from the official hotels, at the Congress and online. Headlines will also be made available for PDAs and from plasma screens placed in the exhibition areas.

19th WPC Grants Programme final list of students now available

The Spanish Organising Committee (SPOC) have offered the WPC National Committees 50 grants for selected students to attend the Congress. This reflects the commitment of both the WPC and SPOC to attract young people to the World Petroleum Congress this year. Each of these grants includes:

- **Registration fee:** The grant student will be registered as delegate and will have access to the Plenary, Technical and Special Sessions, Social Events, the World Petroleum Exhibition, the Global Business Opportunities Centre, Madrid Panoramic tour, Congress Bags and the Youth Reception Party.
- **Accommodation:** 5 nights hotel accommodation (breakfast included) in a centrally situated hotel in Madrid.

The final list of outstanding students selected for the grant can be found on the 19th WPC website please [click here](#).

Exhibitors Briefing held in Madrid for the World Petroleum Exhibitions

The 19th WPC technical secretariat held an exhibitors' briefing in Madrid on the 22nd of February at IFEMA. Over 100 representatives from participating companies worldwide took part in the meeting including BP, CEPSA, Chiyoda, CNOOC, ExxonMobil, Gaz de France, Indian Oil, KPMG, ONGC, Saudi Aramco, StatoilHydro and Qatar Petroleum. They were given the opportunity to discuss not only stand construction and other Congress logistics but also how to make the most of their participation at the exhibitions.

We would like to remind all exhibiting companies that they should send the *Compulsory Order Forms* by 1st March (except for the Exhibitor badges data: deadline 2nd June). Please retrieve the updated Order Forms and Exhibitor's Manual from the congress website please [click here](#).

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:

10-13 March 2008	Gastech, Bangkok, Thailand
18-20 March 2008	TUROGE, Ankara, Turkey
3-4 April 2008	GIOGIE, Tbilisi, Georgia
8-11 April 2008	Atyrau Oil & Gas, Atyrau, Kazakhstan

15-17 April 2008	The Ninth SPE International Conference on health, Safety & Environment in Oil and Gas Exploration and Production, Nice, France
21 - 23 April 2008	Global Refining Summit 2008, Barcelona, Spain

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