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## IPLOCA Mission

To provide value to members through a forum for retaining and sharing knowledge globally, facilitating business opportunities and promoting the highest standards in safety, innovation, quality, business ethics and sustainability throughout the pipeline construction industry.

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## Letter from the President

**This is your association and we encourage you to participate in as many of IPLOCA's initiatives as possible. Details for the coming year are outlined in this newsletter, including important deadlines, such as due dates for submissions of your HSE statistics, and for the IPLOCA awards. It is also noteworthy that the implementation grid proposed by the temporary Strategy Committee is moving forward as planned.**

As a reminder, the submission of Health, Safety & Environmental (HSE) Statistics is an obligation for Regular Members and in addition we welcome statistics from our Associate Members who have field construction activities. The online form is available at [www.iploca.com/hsestatistics](http://www.iploca.com/hsestatistics) along with guidelines and translations to assist you.

An indication of upcoming regional meetings is published later in this newsletter. Further details may be found on our website as dates approach, and will be emailed to company representatives in their particular region. Directors on the Board are already making arrangements for the Regional Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan taking place just before the next board meeting.

During the Spring Novel Construction Session, being held in Athens from 8 to 9 April, in addition to presentations on new technology developments, the work groups will meet to continue editing and adding to the content of "The Road to Success" app.

For those members wishing to make a submission for the IPLOCA awards, further details and deadlines are provided on page 18. Three awards will be presented during the convention in Prague: the IPLOCA Health & Safety Award sponsored by Chevron, the IPLOCA Environmental Award sponsored by Shell and the IPLOCA Excellence in Project Execution Award.

Arrangements for the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention are well advanced. We are pleased to say that the programme will continue to have a strong business focus, with B2B (Business to Business) meetings and Poster sessions being offered once again. This year our Board of Directors decided on an overall theme for the event: "Pipelines Powering a Sustainable Future". During our next board meeting in March, we will be selecting pertinent speakers and panel members for the Open General Meetings. You will find more details about the convention on page 17 of this newsletter.

Make sure you have blocked the dates in your diary and note that registration will open one month earlier this year on 4 May.

Best regards,

**Iosif Panchak**

IPLOCA President 2019-2020

# News from Geneva

## HSE Statistics Due

The deadline for the submission of statistics is 6 March 2020. It is a requirement of regular membership in the association to provide Health, Safety and Environmental Statistics, so if your company has not yet submitted them, please make sure they are sent right away! Further details are available on page 14.

## Membership Certificates

Membership certificates were mailed out in January to paid-up members. If you are the designated IPLOCA Key Representative for your company and you have not yet received your certificate please contact sébastien.goetschmann@iploca.com. For those members who have not yet paid their fees for 2020, we would kindly ask you to do so as soon as possible.

## Highlights from IPLOCA Social Media Activity in 2019

**LinkedIn:** we went from 1700 followers to 3200! Since August we posted 70 times, with a total of about 250,000 views and in October our profile attracted a record high of 850 unique visitors. Our most popular post, with 58,924 views, was of Saji Khoury from CCC presenting the award-winning Go-Green 100% Portable Power Cabin at the IPLOCA Environmental Workshop in Geneva in October.  
**Twitter:** we reached a total of 19,000 views for 65 posts.

## Board Meeting Update Lima, 4-5 December

The following summary highlights the main discussion points from the December 2019 Board Meeting.

### Changes in Vice Presidents

IPLOCA President, Iosif Panchak informed the group that Oliviero Corvi has left Bonatti and according to the IPLOCA By-laws he has had to resign as IPLOCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Leon Richards (McConnell Dowell Corporation), Director East & Far East, officially now holds the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as per succession clause 10.2.3 of the IPLOCA By-laws. Having discussed who could be eligible

**Instagram:** our 67 posts have engaged as many as 258 unique accounts on our busiest week and about 54,000 views in total. To conclude our year, we had put together a 'Year in Review' video which was seen more than a thousand times on LinkedIn and YouTube.

## New Secretariat Database and Website Contracts Signed

As per the list of implementation items from the Strategic Review, the Secretariat signed a contract at the end of last year with the company Dotbase to develop a new database. It is planned to be in service by the end of March. Simultaneously, we are working with Pedemex B.V. to create a new website for the association. A contract has been signed and we are currently in the process of establishing the functional design and discussing the next steps. The new website is planned to be in service later this year.

## Executive Secretary Contract Extended

At its last meeting in Lima, Peru, the Board unanimously voted in favour of extending Juan Arzuaga's contract as IPLOCA Executive Secretary, which was due to terminate in December 2021 after he reaches retirement age. IPLOCA President, Iosif Panchak proposed that the contract be extended by two years to December 2023, to allow for a smooth transition with his successor.

to take on the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, the Executive Committee proposed Gonzalo Montenegro (SEPCON), Director of Latin America, who received a unanimous vote of confidence from the Board.

## HSE & CSR Committee

The new Committee Chair, Bruno Pomaré, presented the committee report. Since the board meeting in Bangkok, the HSE & CSR statistics form has been revised. The criteria for large and small spills on the environment have been defined and are available for reference on the IPLOCA website. The Environmental Seminar held in October 2019 was a success with members continuing to upload experiences on the HSE shared experience portal giving a total of 306 cases currently available for download.



The Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA) is planning to develop a similar system and will share this information with IPLOCA. It was noted that other sister associations do not yet offer this benefit to their members.

Initiatives on the development of golden rules and side boom competency are now completed. The new initiative 'driving golden rules' was proposed by the committee because, during 2018, three of the six fatalities reported were related to driving. It was recognised that there is a need to share good driving practices within the industry.

The idea of adding an HSE day at the annual convention was discussed and the committee suggested having an HSE speaker during the OGM on Thursday and another one on Friday. John Tikkanen reminded the group that the suggestion to hold an HSE day was a result of the Strategic Review with the ultimate idea to appeal to Corresponding Members' expectations of employing contractors that seriously abide by safety regulations. It was agreed that the HSE Committee will work with Kelly Osborn (future President of PLCA) to finalise a date to participate in PLCA's HSE meeting in the first half of October 2020 and present the work of IPLOCA.

### **Innovation Committee**

The Novel Construction session held in Geneva from 23 to 24 October, immediately after the HSE workshop, had 75 attendees. New technologies and the new platform to update "The Road to Success" app were presented. The platform has been tested by the working groups and feedback provided to the app developers. It should be available for all members as of the Spring Novel Construction meeting in Athens, 8-9 April.

It was noted that submissions for the 2020 IPLOCA Excellence in Project Execution Award need to be received by 22 May.

### **Membership Update**

Juan Arzuaga presented the Membership Map 2019 on behalf of Andrew Ball, Committee Chair who was unable to attend the meeting in Lima. All directors were invited to follow up with potential Regular Members in their region. It was noted that since Latin America is going through difficult times, we may have to wait a couple of years before being able to attract more members from that region.

Membership numbers at the time of the meeting were 89 Regular Members, 121 Associate Members and 27 Corresponding Members. The following Associate membership applications were then approved:

- **IFC Techprocomplect LLC (TIAL)**, Russia
- **Remote Medical International**, U.S.A.
- **Swiss Approval International**, Switzerland

### **Scholarship Programme**

A renewal contract with Scholarship America has been signed for services up until 2022. Since the inception of the scholarship programme 83 scholarships have been awarded. Three extra scholarships were awarded last year as they were sponsored by member companies: Gulf Interstate Engineering Company, Rosen Group and Vacuworx. Rosen Group and Vacuworx have agreed to sponsor in 2020 once again and SEPCON is interested in sponsoring on condition that the scholarship is awarded to a Latin American student. Students should be made aware that applications have to be sent in each year as the scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, unlike some other scholarship programmes where one application suffices for four years. All board directors were requested to post the link for scholarship applications on their company websites. In fact all member companies are encouraged to do the same.

Programme Lead, Kelly Osborn mentioned that the number of applications has gradually decreased each year and

he would now like to reach an annual target of 200 applications. IPLOCA will make better use of social media to promote the programme more widely. Over USD 5,000 additional funding for the scholarship programme was raised during the silent auction at the convention in Bangkok. It was agreed to organise a similar initiative during the Prague convention. Ideally, IPLOCA would like to offer 25 scholarships in 2020.

## Strategy Committee

John Tikkanen brought to the board's attention that the Strategy Committee was created last year to accompany the process of the strategic review held during the 2018-2019 presidential year. Since the strategic review has now been completed, he suggested that the committee be dissolved and the board take over the work to be undertaken. A list has been developed of 5 imperatives and 19 action items the majority of which are to be completed by the IPLOCA Secretariat.

## Review of Bangkok Minutes

The Bangkok Minutes were approved and comments were made regarding certain action items. The Secretariat will send an invitation in Russian to Russian members concerning the Novel Construction Spring Session 2020. For the convention in Prague, the name 'election meetings' will be changed to 'regional meetings' (or another name to be defined at the next board meeting in Baku).

## Treasurer's Report

Adam Wynne Hughes presented the allocation of funds for the Swiss franc, euro and U.S. dollar accounts. It was noted that total income was lower in 2019, after the Bangkok convention and an appreciation of the Swiss franc. There have also been extra costs during the year related to the Strategic Review and a change in Accounting Manager. Although end of year accounts are shown in Swiss francs, IPLOCA holds accounts in different currencies and has blocked funds instead of holding insurance policies. Both the 2019 year-end forecast and the budget for 2020 were approved by the board.

## 2020 Convention in Prague

Juan Arzuaga asked the board to propose potential speakers for Prague, including potential HSE presenters. A call for speakers will be sent out and candidates discussed during the March board meeting in Baku. It was decided that a theme should be defined for the Convention, which will be finalised for the Baku meeting. Juan Arzuaga reminded the board that registration for the Prague convention will open one month earlier compared to previous years. He presented a brief overview of the social programme and cultural tours. It was agreed to create

new content in the convention brochure on how to get the most out of attendance and tips for gaining value from the convention. Board members were asked for their input.

## Future Convention Locations

Project Lead, Roger Spee has been working closely with Juan Arzuaga and Caroline Green to look at convention destinations for 2022. Moscow is currently planned as the 2021 location. Having been presented with a number of venues, particularly in North America, the board then voted to hold the 2022 convention in Miami.

## Regional Meetings

Various locations and dates for Regional Meetings in 2020 were discussed, including: Latin America – Juan Arzuaga suggested 7 & 8 September; Middle East & Africa – Albert Zakhem and Najib Khoury are exploring Bahrain or Saudi Arabia as possible locations; Europe Central – Gerben Wansink is considering holding a meeting in The Netherlands; East & Far East – Leon Richards is expecting to hold a meeting in Shanghai, China during the second week of August, since McConnell Dowell has an office in Shanghai and can help with the organisation; Europe Eastern – Socar will support the Regional Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan taking place on Wednesday 18 March in collaboration with Fatih Can of Tekfen. Bruno Pomaré, Spiecapag is considering a date in 2021 for a Europe Mediterranean meeting since the last meeting was held in Parma in 2019. A potential location is Bordeaux, France with the support of SPAC.

## IPLOCA By-Laws

John Tikkanen brought to the attention of the board that since the Strategic Review has been completed, it would be relevant to review the IPLOCA By-laws to check they still correspond to the association's needs.

## Format of Convention Pocket Programme and IPLOCA Newsletter

The convention pocket programme and newsletter are currently distributed in printed versions, in addition to the content being available, at least partially, electronically. It is planned for the future to only use the convention app and the electronic version of the newsletter. It was pointed out that sponsorship of the newsletter is becoming more difficult. As a transition at the next convention, a hard copy of the convention pocket programme will not be included in the convention pack but left at the registration desk for delegates to take if they wish. Depending on feedback to be sought from readers, it was agreed to gradually move to only providing an electronic version of the newsletter.

The next board meeting will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan from **19 to 21 March**, following a Regional Meeting on 18 March.

# Member News

## AVAX Awarded Main Contractor for IGB Project (Gas Interconnector Greece-Bulgaria)

The IGB Project was signed on 10 October 2019 with a contract value of EUR 144,850,000. This gas pipeline will be connected with the Greek national gas transmission system in the area of Komotini and with the Bulgarian national gas transmission system in the area of Stara Zagora. The planned length of the pipeline is 182 km, with a pipeline diameter of 32" and the projected capacity will be up to 3 bcm/y in the direction Greece to Bulgaria. Depending on the interest from the market and the capacities of the neighbouring gas transmission systems, the pipeline is designed to increase its capacity up to 5 bcm/y to follow the evolution of the market, thus allowing physical reverse flow (from Bulgaria to Greece) with the additional installation of a compressor station. The project also includes the associated above ground installations, such as gas metering stations, automated gas regulating stations, block valve stations, pigging stations, dispatching centre & O&M base building, RCC buildings or containers, control & boiler building, metering and regulating streams housing, control rooms, boiler rooms, regulating skid housing, technical measuring rooms, cathodic protection, corrosion control and communication systems.

## C.A.T. Group: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia EPC Leader



C.A.T. International Ltd. KSA Branch, a member of the C.A.T. Group, stands as a major contributor in the oil and gas industry within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. C.A.T.'s KSA Branch is engaged as an EPC contractor in cross-country oil, gas and water pipeline projects; covering diameters up to and including 60", in various terrains and under different complexities throughout the kingdom. C.A.T. is currently executing major pipeline projects

of relatively complex scopes under the Northern Area Pipelines, Master Gas System, Marjan Development and Maintain Potential Programmes being developed by Saudi Aramco. The scopes comprise new construction and rehabilitation works covering oil, gas and water services executed with the highest safety, quality and engineering standards. The pipeline diameters vary from 16" to 56" and lengths range between 30km to 350km, amounting in total to approximately 2,000km. The aggregate scope of works also comprise internal coating, HDPE, scrapers facilities, valve stations, power supply, overhead power lines, solar power, communication (ISP & OSP), instrumentation and controls, crossings, filtering stations, pumping, surge and metering facilities, pressure control, leak detection systems, corrosion monitoring, radar level instruments, and SCADA systems.

## Elecnor Awarded Large-scale Water Transportation Project in Oman

Elecnor, the Spanish infrastructure, energy and telecommunications group, has been awarded a contract to carry out one of the largest efficient water transmission and supply projects in Oman. The contract, valued at EUR 192 million, was awarded by the Public Authority for Water (Diam) in a joint venture agreement with Omani company, Target. The new infrastructure will double the water transportation capacity from desalination plants located in Barka and Sohar (in the north of the country) to the drinking water network, bolstering the supply in the Al Batinah region, one of the Sultanate's most populous areas. The agreement includes the construction of approximately 144 km of pipeline, including the installation of welded and ductile cast iron pipes, a material that is both malleable and highly resistant. The Group will also build five fully equipped pumping stations during the different phases of the project, along with five new reservoirs with capacities ranging from 5,000 to 50,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The final stage of the project includes the construction of all of the associated civil works. The works are scheduled for completion in April 2022.

## Pipelayer n° 100 for Euro Pipeline Equipment SpA

Euro Pipeline Equipment is pleased to announce that it has reached the goal of manufacturing 100 pipelayers in just five years of operations since the change in ownership of the company in 2015. Established in 1994 as a local pipeline equipment manufacturer, the company has since grown geographically and in terms of volume of sales, including the addition of a worldwide rental service. The Performer n° 100 will be painted with a celebratory livery



recalling the Italian flag and will carry a dedicated plate commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company. It will be exhibited at the upcoming Pipeline Gas Expo in Piacenza, Italy in May.

### Gorziane Group Develops First Automated System for Alignment and Welding

Nowadays, the alignment, positioning and welding of pipes, also for pipe complex structures are carried out manually. Designed and manufactured by Gorziane Group their innovative system of handling, alignment and welding can be applied to projects in a wide range of market sectors. Last October Saipem awarded Gorziane a significant contract in the wind energy sector, leading to Gorziane's active role in the NnG and Formosa 2 offshore wind projects. The scope of work covers the engineering, procurement, construction and installation of automated machines used to move, align and position pipes to make k-joints and x-joints for offshore pipe structures. Gorziane's approach has been to overturn the current traditional technologies, and deal with the work, together with the client, in a completely innovative way. This results in a significant improvement in production lead times, a marked reduction in risks for



operators and an increase in precision. Following the first supply of machines in January, the installation and commissioning phase commenced at the beginning of February at Saipem's fabrication yard on Karimun Island, Indonesia. Gorziane's engineering and technical team is currently on site to support the activities. Once ready, the pipe jackets will be installed off the coasts of Taiwan and of Scotland.

### ILF Engineers Awarded Pre-FEED of TAP Expansion Works

ILF Beratende Ingenieure GmbH was awarded the pre-FEED of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG (TAP) expansion works late last year. In 2019, TAP launched a Market Test, a commercial process, through which natural gas shippers can get access to new, long-term capacity in TAP, thereby enabling the future expansion of the pipeline capacity.



The TAP pipeline is currently being commissioned and will be able to transport approx. 10BCM per year. As a result of the Market Test, the additional demand and expansion needs will be assessed with a currently estimated need for expanding up to 20BCM per year. The result of the works executed by ILF will provide the necessary technical basis for TAP to proceed with the Market Test. ILF's scope includes amongst others the verification of the system hydraulics, the analysis of current station design and required expansion measures as well as ultimately an assessment of the investment costs and implementation schedule.

### Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) Adopting Digital Technology

KPTL has commissioned the EPCC Mallavaram Bhopal Bhilwara Vijaipur Pipeline Project (362km x 18", >USD 100Mn). Also, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) awarded KPTL the Haldia Barauni Pipeline Project



(Group A: 112km x 30", USD 28Mn) and Trichy mainline under ETBPNMTPL Project (Group B: 166km x 24", USD 25Mn); completion is scheduled for December 2020. In 2019, KPTL secured pipeline projects totaling 1010km, with sizes varying from 30"-12", aggregating to a value of USD 325Mn. KPTL has emerged as the winner of two IOCL projects totaling 187km x 18".

The company is swiftly moving towards adopting digital technology. Starting with EPC pipeline projects, KPTL has taken the initial steps towards managing entire site & project offices on a real-time basis: VTS in site vehicles (ensures fuel savings, restricts unauthorised usage etc); CCTV with online streaming at pipeline yards, labour accommodation & mess and site offices (protecting against theft, increasing efficiency etc); mobile app based progress reporting & monitoring and drones in remote areas and on difficult terrains (assist with site surveys, track project progress, HSE audits to prevent on-site accidents etc). Such measures are helping to increase worksite safety, tracking progress & resources, improving performance and optimising project costs.



### New Business Development Manager at PipeSak

PipeSak Pipeline Products and Engineering Services is proud to welcome Gustavo Guaytima, P. Eng, to the PipeSak team as its Business Development Manger for Latin American and Mexico.

Gustavo has over 16 years' experience in the oil and gas industry and brings a wealth of knowledge to his role from his positions at TransCanada and Techint. Gustavo is an active member of IPLOCA and participates in and leads several focus groups, including the "Steep Slopes Installation" Novel Construction working group.

### M. Al-Barghash Co (MBTC) New Corporate Office Tower in Khobar

MBTC is currently building its new corporate office tower in Khobar, Saudi Arabia —to which the head office teams will relocate in the first quarter of 2020. It is a 24 storey commercial green tower located at Khobar corniche. The 13,500 sqm multi-function facility will include MBTC's corporate office, multinational companies with 51 corporate offices overall, commercial space, a café, gym, multi-purpose hall, auditorium, administrative spaces, and 6 floors dedicated to parking facilities. The tower is being constructed with an eco-friendly trend and the MBTC management has played a large role in its conception in order to adapt it to the company's new ways of working. The building and the work environment will contribute to the performance and well-being of MBTC'S teams. Valued in excess of USD 25 million, this project represents MBTC's drive to expand its operational capability in the kingdom.



### ESIA Prepared by RSK Approved by Government of Tanzania

The environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) of the Tanzanian section of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline has been approved by the Government of



Tanzania. The ESIA was prepared by RSK Environment Limited under contract to Total and included the results of a comprehensive range of biodiversity, environmental and social surveys and stakeholder consultations. The 1147 km long, 24" diameter pipeline will transport oil produced from oil fields in the Albertine Graben area of Uganda to a new storage tank and load-out facility north of Tanga. The pipeline includes four pumping stations and two pressure reduction stations within Tanzania.

## TANAP Recognised in 2019 for Giving Back to Communities

While adhering to social & environmental standards, the Trans Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) Project supplies high quality natural gas, securely and reliably, passing through 20 provinces in Turkey. The project aims to provide natural gas produced in Azerbaijan to Turkey and to Europe. Its social and environmental undertakings have become recognised as a growing area of strategic value creation along the TANAP route. As a result, TANAP's efforts in "giving back to communities" have been rewarded by various international world-renowned award-giving institutions.



In 2019, TANAP received the following awards: the Communitas Award in the category of Leadership in Community Service and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); the International CSR Excellence Award in the category of Sustainability; the Green World Awards in the category of Best Environmental Practice; the Stevie® Awards in the category of Corporate Social Responsibility Programme of the Year - in Europe; PR Daily's Corporate Social Responsibility Awards in the category of Community Affairs; and, European Excellence Awards in the category of National and Regional Campaigns, Turkey. TANAP was also hosted by The Green Organisation in the Houses of Parliament, Palace of Westminster, London, and presented as CSR World Leader and Green World Ambassador Awards recipient.

## TDC International Expands Production Facility

TDC International, a leading pipeline coating company, has kicked off the year with an important development. TDC International's production facility in Germany is expanding and investing into new machinery and infrastructure to increase its capacity. Overall, the expansion consists of increasing the size of the production building, the modernisation of the manufacturing equipment and the enhancement of logistic processes on-site.



Two industrial cranes were designed and manufactured specifically to meet TDC's demands. The cranes can now simultaneously transport pipes up to 18 m long and 25 tons in weight. In addition, TDC upgraded its coating equipment, automating its proven glass-fibre reinforced plastics (GRP) coating process, pau wrap®. This will allow TDC to improve the production process whilst further increasing quality control.

## Vacuworx Honoured as 2019 Manufacturer of the Year

The Tulsa Regional Chamber's Tulsa Small Business Connection named Vacuworx, for the first time, as the recipient of its 2019 Manufacturer of the Year award. Vacuworx, a global supplier of vacuum lifting technology, has been engaged in the manufacture and export of heavy-duty material handling systems since its establishment in 1999. The company, celebrating 20 years of industry building accomplishments, was founded on the idea that there was a safer way to lift and manoeuvre oil and gas pipe. The main criteria that had to be met to be considered for this year's award were an increase in sales or profits, growth in employment, as well as maintaining exportation to overseas markets for the previous three years. Nominees were judged on effective solutions to overcoming market-entry and logistical challenges, and for their support of small businesses entering



the export arena. Today, Vacuworx products can be found in over 30 countries. Bill Solomon, Vacuworx President, accepted the award during a luncheon at the Tulsa Small Business Summit on October 24, 2019. The company was previously honoured, in both 2014 and 2017, as a recipient of the Oklahoma Governor's Award for Excellence in Exporting.



### **HDD Veteran Dan Sharpe Joins Vermeer Pipeline Team**

Vermeer is integrating a new level of expertise and experience to better serve its horizontal directional drilling and pipeline customers. Dan Sharpe, a veteran in the oil field and drilling industry, joins a team comprised of industry leaders with decades of application expertise, customer support and industry involvement. A longtime dealer, training and product support leader in the global HDD industry, Dan brings more than two decades of experience, intimate knowledge of Vermeer Pipeline installation and support equipment, and a strong network of industry contacts to his new role of corporate account manager. Based in Haslet, Texas, Sharpe has spent his career developing equipment for the HDD industry, including HDD fluid management systems sold through the Vermeer dealer network. He has also worked in leadership roles, serving as vice president and president at other HDD equipment manufacturers. In his new role, Sharpe will initially focus on networking at industry events and conducting global customer outreach.

### **Vlentec Supplies Pipe Lifters for Challenging High Altitudes in Peru**

The Quellaveco copper mines, located in the Moquegua region of Peru, are one of the world's largest

undeveloped copper deposits. In preparation of the site, Techint was contracted to lay a 95 km slurry pipeline reaching from the mine to the nearest seaport. The greatest challenge in pipe laying within this region is that 90% of the pipeline lies 4000m above sea level, peaking at 4800m. With almost half the average atmospheric pressure, a common self-contained vacuum pipe lifter with combustion engine is less suitable for the job. As Vlentec is forerunner in electric vacuum pipe lifting equipment, the company was rewarded the task of providing three electric vacuum lifters. The major advantage of electric-driven lifters is that the motor output is not influenced despite low air density. Especially in such challenging environmental circumstances, this lifting method has proven to be the safest and most sustainable solution.



Techint purchased one unit with an interchangeable battery pack for use on a mobile crane and two units driven by the electric power of the excavator's alternator. These were delivered on site within one week of Vlentec being rewarded the assignment.

### **Tekfen Signs Contract with Kharampurneftegaz LLC Kharampur for Gas Pipeline**

Tekfen Construction and Installation Co., Inc., together with OOO Rusfen, owned 100 % by Tekfen Construction, signed a contract with Kharampurneftegaz LLC Company in December 2019 for the construction and installation of 48", 90 km of gas pipeline in Russia. Kharampurneftegaz LLC has been established by Rosneft and BP to operate as an oil and gas exploration and production company. The Kharampur Gas Pipeline Project will transfer the gas explored from the "Senoman Deposit and the Turonian Deposit Territory" in the Yamalo-Nenets Region to the Gazprom main gas transfer network. The start date for the contract is 1 February, 2020 and the duration to completion of the project is planned to be 16 months.

# Membership Centre

## New Associate Members



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# Health, Safety, the Environment & CSR

## Health, Safety & Environmental Statistics Required of All Regular Members

As a condition of membership, Regular Members are required to submit their annual health, safety and environmental statistics to IPLOCA, such that aggregate statistics for the industry can be collected and monitored. This information is also welcomed from our Associate Members who have field construction activities.

The online form, along with guidelines and translations in French, Russian and Spanish, are available at [www.iploca.com/hsestatistics](http://www.iploca.com/hsestatistics). Returns should cover pipeline construction sites or offshore operations and all infrastructure-related projects. The deadline to submit your 2019 Health, Safety and Environmental Statistics Return is **6 March 2020**. So if you represent a Regular Member and you have not yet sent in your statistics, please do so



immediately. Returns are confidential documents and are not shown or passed on to any third party, other than the HSE & CSR Committee working within the IPLOCA office in order to produce the annual statistics report.

## SSI Risk Management (RM) Appointed to IPLOCA HSE & CSR Committee

At the end of last year, SSI Group was appointed to the HSE & CSR Committee to provide specialist risk management and medical safety support to the Board and its members.

Further to SSI and IPLOCA's signing of a five-year Alliance Agreement last July, SSI RM will now provide risk management information and medical insight to IPLOCA members free of charge. As an association made up of over 250 members, SSI Group will be providing a highly valuable service that will assist several pipeline-related companies. SSI Group provides

both risk management and emergency response medical services to the global energy industry. With experience operating in some of the most volatile areas in the world, more information on the company and how SSI Group can facilitate your next project can be found at [www.ssi-ltd.com](http://www.ssi-ltd.com) and [www.ssi-energy.com](http://www.ssi-energy.com).

## HSE Shared Experiences Platform



We encourage all industry players to visit [www.iploca.com/hseplatform](http://www.iploca.com/hseplatform). Share your experiences so that others may benefit. Learn from the experiences of others and don't make the same mistakes!

Over 300 documents are sorted into various categories and grouped under "Lessons Learned" and "Safety Alerts", including some bilingual texts such as English/ Arabic and English/ Korean. All languages are accepted. Note that, in addition to health and safety issues, major environmental incidents and best practices are also included.

The target set by the HSE & CSR Committee is to upload 500 documents. Help us to meet this number as quickly as possible! Should you have any questions or comments please contact [sebastien.goetschmann@iploca.com](mailto:sebastien.goetschmann@iploca.com).





# Sustainability in Pipeline Projects

## Is Zero-carbon Emission Construction and Operation Possible?

Sue Slijvic, RSK Group plc

**In setting its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, the United Nations issued a call to action aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet and promoting greater peace and prosperity. More than 190 countries have signed up to the 17 goals (Figure 1). Several of these reflect the reality of climate change and the need to minimise the effects of man-made carbon dioxide on global ecosystems. This has clear implications for the design, construction and operation of pipelines.**

Increased financial regulation since 2008 and growing stakeholder pressure on banks have prompted tighter controls on environmental and social governance (ESG). Reporting of carbon dioxide emissions and natural capital is becoming embedded in business. Pipeline projects are also affected by these changes in regulation and greater public scrutiny. Local opposition often leads to delays and conflicts, but these can be minimised by approaching the planning process in a rational and systematic way, really listening to stakeholders and providing appropriate mitigation and protection measures. As we transition to a low-carbon future, pipelines will carry less gas, but they will still be necessary for carbon sequestration and hydrogen transportation projects. There will be a continuing need to transport oil feedstock until these can be replaced by other forms of complex hydrocarbons.

When suitably routed, constructed and later reinstated, pipelines provide a safe form of transport. Their environmental impact can be minimised using an established routing mitigation hierarchy: avoid, minimise and restore, and as a last resort offset or introduce offsets to achieve an overall nett gain. In future, contracts will reward plans that include low-carbon initiatives. Construction methods that minimise carbon dioxide

emissions often make good business sense and include rigorous control of waste; fuel efficiency; use of low-emission vehicles; a circular economy for raw materials (line pipe, padding, skids and aggregate); reusing shot-blasting materials; and reusable fencing, soil and track protection. These are relevant to client businesses, contractors, their suppliers and the wider community. Pipeline projects should also consider biodiversity offsets and look at the development of biodiverse, low-maintenance habitats within the project fence line or offsite, only where maintenance can be guaranteed.



FIGURE 1: The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The greatest impacts are from leakage and losses during pipeline operation or maintenance work and these must be engineered out. Fugitive-emission-free operating projects should be the goal. New engineering approaches will reduce the need for venting and flaring. Venting during maintenance and compressor-station operation should be penalised. The industry must learn from past mistakes and embrace fresh thinking in engineering design.

**To achieve zero-carbon emissions in pipeline construction and operation we must think globally, act locally and change personally.**

# IPLOCA Awards

## to be presented in Prague



Would your company like the opportunity to be selected and recognised as a leader in search for excellence within the pipeline industry? It is now time to choose which of your company's significant initiatives or achievements meets the eligibility requirements to be considered for one of the following IPLOCA awards.

Deadlines for submissions are coming up in May. For more information, such as guidelines, entry forms, eligibility and details on previous winning entries, you may refer to [www.iploca.com/awards](http://www.iploca.com/awards).

Note that all entries should be focused on the pipeline industry and related work and are **required to comply with the guidelines**, including submission in the appropriate format, not exceeding the maximum number of pages and within the specified time frame. Reminder: for the annual H&S Award, entries are limited to projects launched a maximum of three years earlier, and a maximum of five years for the four other awards that are presented every other year. Please contact Sébastien Goetschmann, [sebastien.goetschmann@iploca.com](mailto:sebastien.goetschmann@iploca.com) if you have any questions.



### 2020 IPLOCA Health & Safety Award sponsored by Chevron

**Deadline: 8 May**

The Health and Safety Award is presented each year in recognition of members' initiatives, all of which are aimed at improving the health and safety of the pipeline industry such as:

- A unique innovation or initiative to avoid incidents
- A new and well-defined system, procedure or practice enhancing safety
- Implementation of lessons learned



### 2020 IPLOCA Environmental Award sponsored by Shell

**Deadline: 15 May**

The biennial Environmental Award, is given in recognition of members' initiatives, all of which are aimed at reducing the impact of pipeline construction on the environment, such as:

- Reduction of greenhouse gases
- Impact assessment and public consultation
- Energy use and efficiency
- Waste management and reduction
- Spill response preparedness
- Water usage and preservation
- Soil and ground restoration
- Archaeology
- Flora and fauna



### 2020 IPLOCA Excellence in Project Execution Award

**Deadline: 22 May**

Introduced on the occasion of IPLOCA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and awarded on alternate years, the Excellence in Project Execution Award is presented in recognition of an outstanding project execution in onshore or offshore pipeline, or facilities construction by virtue of:

- Excellent client relationship/partnership beyond the expectations and/or contractual obligations
- Specific technology or engineering developed to either significantly reduce the cost of construction, or minimise the impact of the project on the environment, or to the local community, or for improvement in safety
- Outstanding response to unexpected difficulties faced during the execution of the project
- A remarkable or revised construction practice

# 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

## Prague, Czech Republic

IPLOCA's Annual Convention takes place at the Hilton Prague from 14 to 18 September. The convention brochure will be mailed out in April, and online registration will open one month earlier than usual, on **Monday, 4 May**.

### Convention Theme

The theme for this year's convention is **"Pipelines Powering a Sustainable Future"** and contributions from the speakers and panelists during the Open General Meetings will mainly focus on topics related to this subject. Please refer to the article from RSK Group on page 15 of this newsletter.

We will once again be facilitating Business to Business Meetings (B2B), at which delegates will be able to book 10 minute one-to-one appointments with potential buyers, suppliers, operators and contractors, to discuss possible business opportunities. There will be also an area dedicated to poster stands. If you are interested in taking part in the B2B event, or wish to be a representative host company for a B2B or poster stand, please tick the appropriate box when completing the online registration form.

**Sponsorship opportunities are available!**

For more information: [caroline.green@iploca.com](mailto:caroline.green@iploca.com)

### Call for Speakers

Potential speakers from member and non-member companies are invited to submit their abstracts by Friday, 13 March. For further details visit [www.iploca.com/callforspeakers2020](http://www.iploca.com/callforspeakers2020).

### Silent Auction

For the second year, we will be holding a "silent auction" to assist in raising funds for the IPLOCA Scholarship Programme.

### Tour Programme

This year's tour programme will include visits to Prague Castle; the iconic Charles Bridge, a pedestrian bridge lined with Baroque statues that spans the Vltava River; the astronomical clock in the Old Town City Hall, and just outside the city, one of the oldest castles in the world, Karlstejn Castle, built in 1348.

Delegates will also have an insight into what went on 'Behind the Iron Curtain', tours to the Jewish Quarter and the Franz Kafka Museum, and of course, a visit to Prague would not be complete without going to U Fleku Brewery – a place of pilgrimage for beer fans that dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century!





## Innovation Committee

The Innovation Committee is dedicated to explore, develop and deliver new ideas, technologies, equipment and processes that add value to the pipeline industry.

It provides a forum, leadership and guidance to foster these innovations and inform the IPLOCA membership about the current technology and trends affecting the pipeline industry. It also collaborates with PRCI (Pipeline Research Council International) in the development of research studies that populate the live document "The Road to Success".

### Novel Construction Spring Session

The Novel Construction Spring session will be held from 8 to 9 April at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Athens, Greece.

All the details regarding this event are available on our website: [www.iploca.com/novelsession](http://www.iploca.com/novelsession). The morning of the first day serves as an open forum for member and non-member companies to present their newest developments

within our industry. The agenda is being finalised and is expected to include the following topics and speakers:

- **The Rubbl System**, Evan Greenberg, Worldwide Group
- **Earthquakes, Geohazards, and Real-Time Remote Monitoring of Onshore & Offshore Gas Pipelines**  
Prodromos Psarropoulos, National Technical University of Athens
- **Current Construction Risks/Challenges from a Contractor's Perspective**, Zahi Ghantous, CCC
- **A Glimpse Into the Future**, Uwe Muller, Volvo
- **XR2: The Next Evolution in Vacuum Excavation**  
Dan Sharpe, Vermeer
- **Fibre Optic Leak Detection and Integrity Monitoring for Pipelines**, Jose Maria Alvarez, Omnisens S.A.
- **Rock Slope and Rock Face Engineering**, Jake Clutterbuck & Mike Yaxley, CAN

In the afternoon working groups meet and discuss their contributions to "The Road to Success" app. New contributors to these groups are always welcome, so should you be interested in helping to keep the "The Road to Success" app up to date, please contact the appropriate group leader:

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# Sister Associations

These are the Sister Associations' events taking place in the first half of the year, which will be attended by IPLOCA Executive Secretary Juan Arzuaga, along with, whenever possible, IPLOCA President Iosif Panchak.



## PLCA (Pipe Line Contractors Association)'s 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

The PLCA Annual Convention took place at La Quinta, California from 4 to 8 February, during which members of the World Federation of Pipe Line Industry Associations (WFPIA) grouped together to be photographed.



Elizabeth Worrell - PLCA Managing Director and Chief Counsel; Adam Wynne Hughes - PIG Chairman; Robert Darden - DCA Executive Vice President; Jimmy Crofts - PLCA President; Juan Arzuaga - IPLOCA Executive Secretary; Wayne Hodgins - PLCAC Executive Director; Ben Nelson - DCA Vice President; Nick de Koning - PLCAC President.



## DCA (Distribution Contractors Association)'s 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

DCA's Annual Convention was held from 24 to 29 February in Boca Raton, Florida, where Kelly Osborn (IPLOCA Director for America North) was appointed President and members of the WFPIA met there to discuss and exchange on topics of common interest.



## PIG (Pipeline Industries Guild)'s 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner

This annual dinner, hosted by the Guild's Chairman Adam Wynne Hughes (IPLOCA Director for Europe Northwest & Treasurer), gathers the most important companies of the pipeline business in the U.K. and is taking place on 10 March at JW Marriott Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane London, U.K.



## PLCAC (Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada)'s 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

PLCAC's Annual Convention will be taking place from 20 to 24 April in Maui, Hawaii.

## IPLOCA Yearbook 2019-2020

The IPLOCA Yearbook is available in hardcopy and a quarterly updated version can also be accessed on your mobile device at [mobile.iploca-yearbook.com](http://mobile.iploca-yearbook.com).



Do not hesitate to send us the addresses of the persons to whom you wish us to send a copy of the IPLOCA Yearbook.

Additional printed copies can be obtained on request from the website [www.iploca-yearbook.com](http://www.iploca-yearbook.com).



# IPLOCA

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

In addition to the IPLOCA funded scholarships, we are pleased to continue to offer member companies the possibility of sponsoring a scholarship.

For 2020 we currently have three sponsors:



The deadline for applications to sponsor scholarships is **31 March 2020**. Should your company be interested in this opportunity, please contact Kelly Osborn, [kosborn@uspipeline.com](mailto:kosborn@uspipeline.com).

# Regional Meetings



IPLOCA regularly hosts regional meetings which are an opportunity to meet association colleagues in a smaller forum than at the convention, to invite clients to discuss their proposed projects and to engage potential members of the association in addressing topics of particular relevance to their region.

## Europe Eastern

The first regional meeting of the year takes place in Baku, Azerbaijan on the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 March at the Four Seasons Hotel. This event is being organised by IPLOCA in collaboration with SOCAR and Tekfen and will focus on Health, Safety and the Environment and projects being developed by IPLOCA's Corresponding Members in the region. For further information and registration details please visit [www.iploca.com/baku](http://www.iploca.com/baku).



Regional directors are encouraged to organise such meetings every couple of years in their region, to further engage members around the world at a local level and to invite non-member companies, to become familiar with the initiatives being moved forward by IPLOCA that give value in return to its own members. All the meetings are free of charge, include presentations from IPLOCA and invited guest speakers, and may also incorporate a local visit, an informal dinner or buffet lunch.

For more details on regional meetings as they are confirmed, visit [www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com).

## Future Meetings

Other meetings are being considered in the coming months and further details will be available on the IPLOCA website:

- **East & Far East** – McConnell Dowell is expecting to hold a meeting in Shanghai, China during the second week of August;
- **Latin America** – it is hoped that a meeting will take place in early September;
- **Middle East & Africa** – Bahrain or Saudi Arabia are being explored as possible locations;
- **Europe Central** – a meeting in the Netherlands is being considered for this region;
- **France** – a meeting in the Bordeaux area is being planned in Spring 2021 with the support of SPAC.



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Pipeline Technology Conference (PTC)

Berlin, 30 March to 2 April



The Pipeline Technology Conference will once again offer IPLOCA members special conditions to participate in this event: using the code **PTCIPOCA** members benefit from a EUR 150 discount on the conference ticket or the full-event ticket.

For more information, visit: [www.pipeline-conference.com](http://www.pipeline-conference.com)

### Important IPLOCA Dates

#### Health & Safety and Environmental Statistics

6 March - Deadline for submissions

#### Member News for IPLOCA June Newsletter

15 April - Deadline for submissions

[newsletter@iploca.com](mailto:newsletter@iploca.com)

#### IPLOCA Annual Convention

4 May – Registration opens

#### 2020 IPLOCA Health & Safety Award

8 May - Deadline for submissions

#### 2020 IPLOCA Environmental Award

15 May - Deadline for submissions

#### 2020 IPLOCA Excellence in Project Execution Award

22 May - Deadline for submissions

#### Member News for IPLOCA September Newsletter

15 July - Deadline for submissions

[newsletter@iploca.com](mailto:newsletter@iploca.com)

# Upcoming Events

## 2020

### Pipeline Opportunities Conference

3 March - Houston, TX, USA

[www.pipeline-opportunities.com](http://www.pipeline-opportunities.com)

### PIG – The Pipeline Industries Guild Annual Dinner

10 March – London, U.K.

[www.pipeguild.com](http://www.pipeguild.com)

### IPLOCA Regional Meeting for Europe Eastern

18 March – Baku, Azerbaijan

[www.iploca.com/baku](http://www.iploca.com/baku)



### Pipeline Technology Conference

30 March – 2 April - Berlin, Germany

[www.pipeline-conference.com](http://www.pipeline-conference.com)

Discount available for IPLOCA members

### IPLOCA Novel Construction Spring Session

8-9 April – Athens, Greece

[www.iploca.com/novelsession](http://www.iploca.com/novelsession)



### Hannover Messe

20-24 April – Hannover, Germany

[www.hannovermesse.de](http://www.hannovermesse.de)

### PLCAC 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

20-24 April – Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A.

[www.pipeline.ca](http://www.pipeline.ca)

### Offshore Technology Conference

4-7 May – Houston, TX, U.S.A.

[www.2020.otcnet.org](http://www.2020.otcnet.org)

### Pipeline & Gas Expo

20-22 May – Piacenza, Italy

[www.pipeline-gasexpo.it/en](http://www.pipeline-gasexpo.it/en)



### IPLOCA 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

14-18 September

Prague, Czech Republic



### EPOCH – Exploration and Production Offshore Congress Hub of Sustainability

5-6 October – London, U.K.

[www.oilepoch.com](http://www.oilepoch.com)

### APGA – Convention & Exhibition

17-20 October – Brisbane, Australia

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# Changes to the IPLOCA Board of Directors

2019-2020

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

Following the December Board Meeting in Lima and Oliviero Corvi's departure from Bonatti, he has been replaced as IPLOCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President by **Leon Richards** (McConnell Dowell Corporation), Director East & Far East. The Board voted unanimously to have **Gonzalo Montenegro** (SEPCON), Director of Latin America, take on the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, as proposed by the Executive Committee.



### Sue Sljivic

At the end of March 2020, Sue Sljivic will step down from her role as Director, Associate Members, since she is leaving RSK, of which she is one of its founding members.

Sue has been attending IPLOCA conventions since she stepped in

for her colleague Alan Ryder to present a paper at the Salzburg Convention in 2001. She has been an active

member of the Novel Construction Initiative since its formation, having produced a number of chapters for "The Road To Success" (RTS) document, and also assisting other teams with specific sections on reducing the environmental footprint. She was appointed as a Director-at-Large by the then President Andrew Ball in 2017 and was elected as a Director for Associate Members in 2018. She chaired the HSE & CSR Committee for 3 years before handing over to Bruno Promaré in September 2019.

RSK will continue to be represented at IPLOCA; Carolyn Young and Katrina Copper will attend the convention and will ensure RSK staff participate in regional meetings, RTS workshops and seminars.

## Elections 2020

Elections to the IPLOCA Board of Directors take place each year at the annual convention, as seats become vacant. Please contact [jacqueline.tempel@iploca.com](mailto:jacqueline.tempel@iploca.com) if you are interested in joining the Board.

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# Dual expertise = smoother project



The story of Denys is one of ambition and success. The overwhelming reason for our skyrocketing pipeline business is our dual expertise in pipeline fitting and micro-tunnelling. It's a winning combination that leads to better-optimized planning and a smoother-running project down the road.

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