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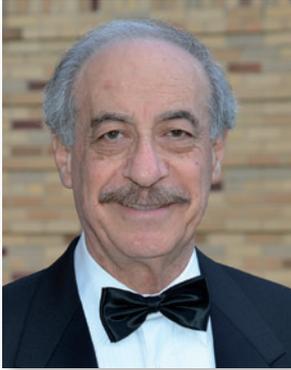
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## Letter from the President

**The brochure for the Abu Dhabi Convention (13-17 October 2014) was mailed out at the end of May and is also available electronically on the IPLOCA website. You will be able to register at [www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com) beginning on Sunday 1 June, 2014.**

As usual we expect large numbers of delegates and do not want you to be disappointed, so please register and plan your discounted travel with Etihad Airways (page 14) as soon as possible.

We have many excellent speakers for the Open General Meetings on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 October, and we expect some very stimulating presentations.

Two industry awards will be given in Abu Dhabi. We will be announcing the winners of the IPLOCA 2014 Health and Safety Award, sponsored by Chevron and the IPLOCA 2014 Environmental Award, sponsored by Shell.

The March Novel Construction meeting held in Geneva was very well supported, with 46 delegates from 23 companies in attendance and some excellent presentations on new technologies. More information is on page 17 of this newsletter.

I would like to thank the organisers and also to BAUER Maschinen who hosted the Europe Central Regional Meeting held near Munich, Germany on 19 March 2014 with 38 people in attendance. More information is on page 18.

I look forward very much to seeing everyone in Abu Dhabi for what is destined to be a very special and memorable event.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Khoury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Najib Khoury**

IPLOCA President 2013-2014

# News from Geneva

## Changes are under way at the IPLOCA Secretariat

In mid-March this year we welcomed Nathalie Krieg, a recent graduate from the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, as our new Administrative Assistant.



Born in Germany, Nathalie has lived in Munich, Lugano and Florence. She speaks German, Italian, English and French fluently – plus a little bit of Spanish – and she will often answer the telephone in the language dictated by the country code that shows up on the phone's display. Nathalie is

now very much involved in the preparation of this year's convention in Abu Dhabi and is becoming familiar with the Novel Construction Initiative and meeting planning. She can be reached at [nathalie.krieg@iploca.com](mailto:nathalie.krieg@iploca.com)

**Then, at the end of May, we welcomed Ira Hajdamacha who joined the association as our new Business Administrator.**

A multi-lingual Belgian national with a strong background in marketing, PR and association work, Ira has most recently worked for Kenes Group, offering full management and administration services to medical associations worldwide. She is fast getting to grips with the details of the upcoming board meeting and convention and looking forward to meeting everyone.



Outgoing IPLOCA Business Administrator Liz Spalding (left) and Ira Hajdamacha

After 34 board meetings, 33 newsletters and seven conventions – and with a lot of mixed feelings – current Business Administrator Liz Spalding will leave IPLOCA in mid-June after eight years in her role to move back to the USA and begin some new adventures while focusing more on her growing family.

Ira will attend the June Board of Directors meeting in Marseilles together with Liz and will, of course, be in Abu Dhabi in October so as to manage the business side of the convention. She can be reached at [ira.hajdamacha@iploca.com](mailto:ira.hajdamacha@iploca.com).

Welcome to Nathalie and Ira. We wish them lots of success!

## Board Meeting Update

### Miami, U.S.A.

**The March Board of Directors meeting was held in Miami from 4 to 7 March. Following are highlights from that meeting:**

#### Client Engagement Committee

A possible new category of membership is being discussed which would allow clients to participate in the activities of IPLOCA. A presentation is being prepared to show to clients and gauge their interest.

#### HSE Committee

The IPLOCA Health & Safety Philosophy is now on the IPLOCA website under the HSE tab. A communication will be sent to all current members regarding the philosophy, noting that payment of IPLOCA dues confirms a member's acceptance of this philosophy. The next HSE Committee

meeting would be held on 26 March in Geneva, just prior to the Novel Construction meeting. Information on the 2014 IPLOCA Health & Safety Award sponsored by Chevron and the 2014 IPLOCA Environmental Award sponsored by Shell has been communicated to members so that they can prepare their entries. A workshop on High Potential Incidents will take place at the Movenpick Hotel, Geneva, on 2 July, 2014.

#### New Technologies Committee

The Spring Plenary Session would take place from 27 to 28 March in Geneva. Several presentations on new technologies would be given (see page 17).

#### Collaboration with APIA, EPRG & PRCI

The tripartite will not renew the partnership (which expired at the end of 2013), but the members will work with IPLOCA as the need arises in the future. IPLOCA is currently co-funding projects with PRCI and INGAA Foundation.



IPLOCA directors and guests prepare to leave for a boat tour of Miami following the board meeting.

### Research Projects with PRCI and INGAA Foundation

The research projects which IPLOCA is supporting financially are making good progress. Lowering-in Stresses: A mitigative strategies report is under development. Pipeline Route Selection: A report has been issued for final review.

### New Award

The Board of Directors approved the creation of a new award to recognise Excellence in Project Execution. Criteria are under development.

### Scholarships Committee

Two proposals have been solicited to manage the scholarships process. The two companies approached for proposals were:

- **The Institute of International Education** ([www.iie.org](http://www.iie.org)) which manages, among others, the Fulbright Scholarship programme.
- **Scholarship Management Services** ([www.scholarship-management.org](http://www.scholarship-management.org)) which currently manages the PLCA, Bechtel and Fluor programmes.

It was suggested that the scholarship program be funded initially from the current existing surplus, but that a funding strategy should be created so that the program could be self-sustaining.

### Training Committee

Jan Koop explained that the committee's function is to share training programmes and particularly to encourage safety in the workplace. The committee concluded that their members should be part of the HSE Committee and that they should approach the clients for HSE information.

### Minutes of the Bangkok Meeting

The minutes from Bangkok were reviewed and approved with one minor correction.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Harald Dresp provided the annual report for 2013 (unaudited) which showed IPLOCA finances to be strong. He discussed the current fee payment status for Regular and Associate Members.

Michael Rae noted that he and the other Associate Member directors were working closely with Accounting Manager Sarah Junod to collect the outstanding payments. Harald noted that IPLOCA's auditing company GVA Audit SA has now joined a larger financial services group, RSM, and will in future operate under the name of RSM GVA Audit SA, with the same staff and operations.

### Membership - Updated Application forms

Updated membership application forms were reviewed. These now include the Health & Safety Philosophy of IPLOCA.

### Membership

Associate Membership Approved

- **Monti – Werkzeuge GmbH**, Germany, [www.monti.de](http://www.monti.de)
- **JSC TDC Diascan**, Russia, [www.diascan.transneft.ru](http://www.diascan.transneft.ru)
- **Tractebel Engineering S.A.**, Belgium, [www.tractebel-engineering-gdfsuez.com](http://www.tractebel-engineering-gdfsuez.com)

### Name changes

- HDM Foreign Trade Co. Ltd. to **HDM Foreign Trade Inc.**
- Comstock Canada Ltd. to **HB Construction Company Ltd.**

### Resignations

- **Cirtubo, S.A.**, Spain
- **Polytec S.A. – Polyken – Canusa**, Belgium
- **Montajes Industriales Montec Ltda.**, Chile
- **Ratnamani Metals & Tubes Ltd**, India

## Abu Dhabi Convention - Tours

Abu Dhabi tours were discussed in detail. These will include a day tour to Dubai City, a catamaran cruise, and tours to the Yas Marina Circuit and Ferrari World. Najib Khoury (on behalf of CCC) together with NPCC is offering a desert party for all on Wednesday evening. This requires some travel, and participants will need to leave for the venue by 14:30, thus no Wednesday afternoon tours will be offered (see page 15).

## Regional Meetings

- **Europe Central:** Jan Koop and Harald Dresch held a meeting on 19 March near Munich, with more than 38 people in attendance. The meeting included a visit to Bauer Maschinen which produces drilling/piling equipment (see page 18).

- **America North:** Executive Secretary Juan Arzuaga and other directors attended one or more sister association conventions (DCA, PLCA and PLCAC) Conventions.

## Potential speakers for Abu Dhabi

Suggestions for speakers should be communicated as soon as possible to the Secretariat.

## International SOS Proposal

A proposal was sought to secure help in evaluating the risk in various countries/locations. Other companies will also be contacted for proposals.

## Anniversary Logo and Celebrations

IPLOCA's graphic designer has prepared a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo based on a suggestion made by Bruno Maerten.

# Member News

## DENSO GmbH Germany Wins IOCL tender for more than 2.4 million m<sup>2</sup> of pipeline coating

DENSO GmbH Germany has won an Indian Oil Corporation Ltd tender for more than 2.4 million M<sup>2</sup> of pipeline coating. India's biggest pipeline operator and one of the leading oil companies worldwide is continuously rehabilitating parts of its more than 11,000km pipeline grid after 40 years of operation. The rehabilitation will be executed under operating conditions. For this, a 3-ply (inner wrap) and 2-ply (outer wrap) PE/Butyl-Tape-System has been selected. In the past DENSO Germany already delivered more than 2.6 million square meters of the DENSOLEN® AS39P/R20HT-Tape System to IOCL for rehabilitation purposes. The new single order of IOCL for more than 2.4 million square meters of coating equates to an area of more than 335 football pitches of DENSOLEN® AS39P/R20HT, to be

delivered in 2014 and 2015 for about 320km of pipeline. More than 100 million square meters has been applied over the last 40 years.



## Matthew Rose Elected to Fluor's Board of Directors

Fluor Corporation has announced that Matthew K. Rose was elected to its board of directors effective 30 April, 2014. Rose is currently the executive chairman of BNSF Railway Company after 13 years as the company's chief executive officer and 11 years as chairman. He joined Burlington Northern in 1993 and held several positions in the company's merchandise business unit. Rose is a director on several boards including AT&T, the Association of American Railroads, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He earned a bachelor's of science in marketing with a minor in logistics from the University of Missouri.



## Grup Servicii Petroliere, S.A. Signs Contract with OMV Petrom

Grup Servicii Petroliere has signed a new contract with OMV Petrom. The contract refers to offshore drilling and workover operations which will be carried out by GSP Uranus. The rig will operate in the Black Sea offshore Romania under an aggregate duration of two years. On 20 March 2014 the convoy composed of GSP King, GSP Licorn and two other tug vessels begun moving the rig from the GSP Shipyard in the port of Constanta Sud Agigea, heading to the first drilling location offshore.

GSP Uranus is a three legged, self-elevating unit, of cantilever type Marathon LeTourneau Class 116-C. This is the most recently concluded investment project carried out in order to extend the company's fleet. The GSP Uranus upgrade and reclassification project, worth over USD 44 million, was completed with the support of EximBank and developed under the management of the GSP Shipyard and ABS supervision, including repair work, upgrading work and certification (class and statutory certificates).

## Multifunctional Tunnel for Wuhan

In the course of the visit to China by the German Minister of Economy and Energy, Sigmar Gabriel, a contract was signed on 23 April, 2014 in Kunshan (Jiangsu Province) for the delivery of two tunnel boring machines for a large multifunctional tunnel in Wuhan (central China). The 10 million metropolis of Wuhan is the most important transport hub in central China. By 2017 the metro network of 3 lines will be extended to 7, from the current 73 km to 215 km in length. The two Mixshields with an excavation diameter of 15.76 m to be supplied by Herrenknecht will cross under the Yangtze River in Wuhan and create a twin-bore double-decker tunnel. A three-lane road will run on the upper deck, with metro line 7 below. The 2,590 meter long tunnel alignment runs up to 39.5 meters below the water surface in complex soil. A high water pressure of 5.3 bar must be dealt with. In addition, the tunnel runs through varying geological formations, partly completely sand and clay, partly a mixed geology with mudstone, conglomerates and sand. With its size and multipurpose use the construction represents a major reference project for mechanized tunnelling worldwide.



Martin Herrenknecht, Chairman of the Board of Management, Herrenknecht AG (left), Yu Xuanping, General Manager of Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Co., Ltd. (STEC)(right), German Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel and the German Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Michael Clauss. (Photo: Frank Ossenbrink)



## Innovative Hydraulic Rig

Herrenknecht Vertical is supplying the first deep drilling rig – known as the “Innovative Hydraulic Rig” – to China. The rig's high level of automation allows precise and safe drilling to a depth of 6,000 meters with maximized working safety and small crews. With its hydraulic supports the entire rig can be skidded and multiple wells drilled from a single drilling site.

## Liebherr-Aerospace Singapore Receives DIN EN ISO 14001 Certificate

Liebherr-Aerospace Singapore's newly established environmental system for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft components has recently been certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001:2004 by TÜV SÜD PSB Pte. Ltd., Singapore. In the preceding months, the testing body had carried out all necessary audits of the company's processes and procedures to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements of this worldwide standard. The ISO 14001:2004 certification guarantees that Liebherr-Aerospace Singapore is capable of systematically controlling and reducing its industrial waste, its consumption of resources as well as its operating costs thanks to its environmental management system. Complying with the standard, the company will also be able to improve its performance and ensure a higher conformance with legislative requirements.

## Punj Lloyd Gets Rs 3254 Crore Buildings & Infrastructure Project

Diversified global conglomerate Punj Lloyd has signed a contract worth USD 540 million for a Buildings and Infrastructure project with the Housing & Infrastructure Board (HIB), Libya. Punj Lloyd's scope comprises the infrastructure work for the city of Zliten, spanning across an area of over 2400 hectares in the Misuratah region. It is located 100 km east of Tripoli in the capital of Libya. The work involves design and construction of the storm and sewer network; water network, telecommunication and power distribution network, natural gas network, street lighting and road network, including traffic management system, landscaping and streetscaping including parks and green areas. Punj Lloyd is already delivering infrastructure projects for the Housing & Infrastructure Board (HIB) in major townships of Arada, Souk Al Juma, Zawara, Ragdaleen, and Al Jamail. The projects comprise engineering, procurement, construction and the commissioning of utilities including water, sewage, storm water main and branch lines, roads and other facilities.

## ShawCor Ltd. To Acquire Desert NDT LLC

ShawCor has announced that it has entered into a definitive purchase agreement to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Desert NDT LLC ("Desert") for a total consideration of approximately USD 260 million. Desert is a Houston-based provider of non-destructive testing ("NDT") services for new oil and gas gathering pipelines and infrastructure integrity management services. Desert operates through 18 branches located in major U.S. oil and gas basins and its trailing twelve month EBITDA is in excess of USD 33 million with operating income of approximately USD 22 million. The transaction is subject to U.S. regulatory approval and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2014. The acquisition will be funded with cash and through available revolving credit facilities.

## STREICHER Awarded Follow-up GRTgaz Contract in France

The French network operator GRTgaz commissioned the Nantes branch of MAX STREICHER GmbH & Co. KG aA with the construction of lot 1 of the pipeline "Arc de Dierrey". This pipeline, with a diameter of DN 1200, is directly connected to the lots of the pipeline "Haute de France II" realized by STREICHER on behalf of GRTgaz the year before. The new order includes a distance of 62.1 kilometers between Cuvilly and Betz. The construction period lasts from April 2014 until November 2015. STREICHER will also undertake the detail engineering for lot 4. This pipeline section has a length of 62.5 kilometers and runs from Dierrey-St-Julien to Viviers-sur-Artaut. The project "Arc de

Dierrey" will be carried out in the course of the North-South expansion of the French long distance gas network.



At the beginning of the year, MAX STREICHER S.p.A. in Parma, Italy moved into its new building, which includes an adjacent storage yard.

## Technip Heerema Alliance Wins Major Kaombo Subsea Contract Offshore Angola

The consortium, comprising Technip and Heerema Marine Contractors (Heerema), has been awarded a major lump-sum contract by Total E&P Angola for the engineering, procurement, construction, installation (EPCI) and pre-commissioning for the SURF (subsea umbilicals, risers and flowlines) part of the Kaombo project, located in Block 32 offshore Angola in water depths up to 2,000 meters. The contract is valued at approximately USD 3.5 billion with a Technip share of around 55% and a Heerema share of around 45%. This project falls within the Technip Heerema strategic alliance formed 15 months ago that offers comprehensive subsea solutions through a unique combination of complementary assets, technologies and capabilities in the ultra-deepwater market. The engineering work will start immediately in the Paris (France), Leiden (the Netherlands) and Luanda (Angola) centers with most of the offshore installation activities being scheduled for 2016 and 2017. The project is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2018.

## Technip Awarded FEED Contract in Basra, Iraq

Technip, in partnership with China HuanQiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation (HQC), has been awarded by Basra Gas Company (BGC), a front-end engineering design (FEED) contract for Ar Ratawi Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) train1 project at North Rumaila in Basra Province, Iraq. The project is the first of the new greenfield associated gas processing facilities that will significantly minimize gas flaring in Iraq and make more energy resources available for power and domestic use— an NGL train with nominal

feed gas capacity of 530 million standard cubic feet per day. The standalone facilities will produce liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), NGL and condensate for domestic markets. The scope of work covers the basic engineering design package of the NGL process units, utilities and the submission of an engineering procurement and construction (EPC) package. Technip's operating center in Abu Dhabi will execute the project, scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014.

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### **Tenaris Inaugurates R&D Center in Brazil**

On April 15 Tenaris inaugurated its new Research and Development Center in UFRJ's Technological Park (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro) on Ilha do Fundão, Rio de Janeiro. "The USD 39 million investment was motivated by the strategic opportunity to contribute to Brazil's technological and economic development. The immense energy reserves, such as the Pre-Salt layer, present unprecedented challenges to the industry and demand safe and efficient operations while maintaining utmost respect for the environment," says Renato Catallini, Tenaris President in Brazil. The Center will mostly focus on the development and qualification of TenarisHydril premium connections and the TenarisHydril BlueDock™ weld-on connector, welding technologies, differentiated coatings - such as clad and organic -, and on areas of study in fracture mechanics and finite elements.

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### **Tenaris Donates Pipe for Sault College Expansion**

Sault College (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada) staff, students and community stakeholders gathered recently to celebrate the grand opening of the new "Common Link". The link is a hub connecting two new buildings on Sault post-secondary campus. The "Common Link," was named by the students after Sault College President Dr. Ron Common in recognition of his tireless transformation of an aging campus to an inspiring place of learning with various state-of-the-art centres of excellence. Tenaris's donation to the college's infrastructure expansion was an important part of the recent project. Tenaris provided approximately \$150,000 in pipes that are now part of structural and aesthetic elements of the new connecting link. Tenaris and Sault College have a longstanding connection since the Tenaris Algoma Tubes facility opened in the early 2000s. "The college has been a great partner in training we provide to our employees. Over the years, they have delivered many of our training courses, and of course, many of our employees were graduates of programs at the college," said Paul Calic, Tenaris University Training Coordinator. The 2.5 million link project was funded by the Government of Ontario and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund – Ministry of Development and Mines, as well as Tenaris through the donation of pipes.

### **ATA Consortium Signs Agreement with BP Exploration (Shah Deniz)**

Active in Azerbaijan since 1995, Tekfen Construction has undertaken two other vital projects as part of the Shah Deniz Phase 2 Investments. ATA Consortium (AMEC-Tekfen-Azfen) has signed an agreement with BP Exploration (Shah Deniz) and undertaken the construction, installation and delivery of two offshore platforms and their connection bridges, weighing a total of 26,442 tons. The estimated budget of the project is USD 975 million, and together with its share in Azfen, Tekfen's portion will amount to approximately USD 496 million. In addition, Azfen-Tekfen Consortium signed another contract with BP Exploration (Shah Deniz), undertaking the construction and installation work of the Sangachal Terminal that is part of Shah Deniz Phase 2. The estimated budget of the project is USD 1 billion, and together with its share in Azfen, Tekfen's portion will amount to approximately USD 621 million. Shah Deniz Phase 2 Investments have been expected for a long time, and have accelerated towards the end of the year; as a result, Tekfen Construction has signed USD 1.117 billion worth of new business, raising the existing volume of its business in the country to USD 1.6 billion. Tekfen has played a major role as one of the subcontractors within the BTC Crude Oil Pipeline Project known as the "project of the century," by successfully completing the Sangachal Terminal – the starting point of the pipeline in Azerbaijan – as well as the land and sea terminals in Ceyhan, the end point of the pipeline in Turkey. Tekfen has also completed the construction of three platforms currently operating in the Caspian Sea.

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### **New Dredging Contract for Van Oord in Indonesia**

Van Oord has been awarded a contract for dredging and maintenance work for the western access channel to the port of Surabaya for dredging and maintenance work for the western access channel to the port of Surabaya in Indonesia. The client is Indonesian port company PT Pelabuhan Indonesia III (Persero). The contract is worth over EUR 50 million. Project execution will start in May 2014 and will last 10 months, followed by a two-year maintenance period. The project involves widening the existing channel to 150 metres and deepening it to -13 metres. A total of more than 10 million m<sup>3</sup> silt will be removed and dumped at sea. Furthermore, one or two shipwrecks must be removed. Annual maintenance for a two-year period is part of the contract. Van Oord will be deploying a large and a medium-large trailing suction hopper dredger. Van Oord has been working in the port of Surabaya since 1911. The original project involved making the port accessible to vessels with a deeper draught and constructing quay walls.

# Membership Centre

## New Associate Members



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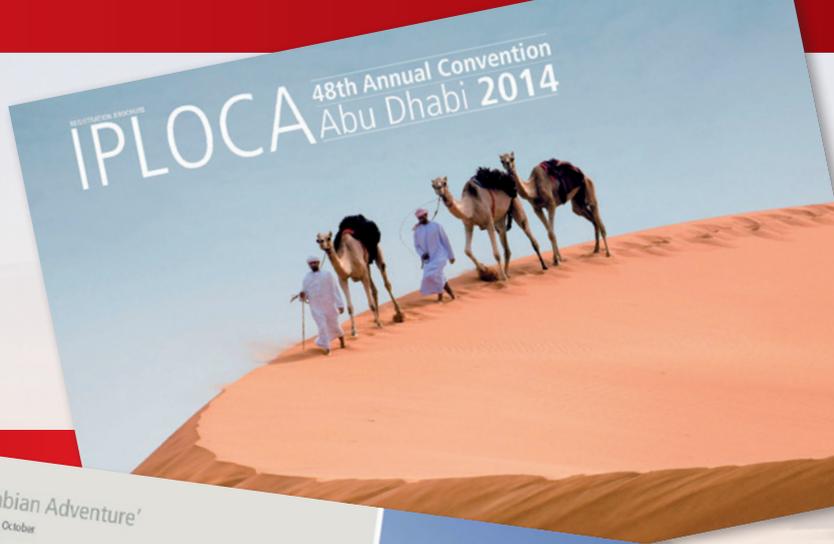
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# Abu Dhabi Convention Update

Full details regarding the event can be found at [www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com) by clicking on the image of the Convention Brochure.



Registration for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention opened on 1 June. Go to [www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com) today to reserve your hotel room and register. Contact [caroline.green@iploca.com](mailto:caroline.green@iploca.com) for sponsorship opportunities!

**'An Arabian Adventure'**  
Wednesday 15 October  
14.30 to 23.00

Proud and pleased to host convention attendees in the Gulf Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and National Petroleum Construction Company (NPCC) have joined forces to offer all delegates a unique opportunity to experience an extraordinary event in the heart of the desert.

Your Arabian Adventure will begin as you board the coaches ready to take you to the Arabian Nights village, "Dune bashing", a falconry display and henna painting are but a few of the activities that have been lined up for you. Delegates will even have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in camel riding before unwinding with cocktails at sunset and enjoying dinner with live music. Coaches will depart at 14.30.



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Our ground agent, Ovation, has put together a superb tour programme for you. If you have any other requirements for private touring, transportation or hospitality services, please contact Godfrey Rebello who will be pleased to assist with any arrangements.



## Tour Programme

Monday 13 October		Tuesday 14 October		Wednesday 15 October							
Tour 1 Dubai City (incl. lunch) 08.00 - 17.45	Tour 2 Catamaran Cruise (incl. lunch) 08.00 - 12.30	Tour 3 Cultural Tour of Abu Dhabi 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 4 Yas Marina 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 5 Dubai City 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 6 Catamaran Cruise (incl. lunch) 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 7 Cultural Tour of Abu Dhabi 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 8 Yas Marina 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 9 Catamaran Cruise (incl. lunch) 08.00 - 13.30	Tour 10 Cultural Tour of Abu Dhabi 08.30 - 12.30	Tour 11 Futuristic Tour of Abu Dhabi 08.30 - 13.00	Tour 12 Yas Marina Circuit & Ferrari World 08.30 - 13.45

Special Event: 'An Arabian Adventure'  
14.30 - 23.00  
Courtesy of  
Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and  
National Petroleum Construction Company (NPCC)



### Tours 3, 7 & 10 Cultural Tour Abu Dhabi

Monday 13, Tuesday 14 AND Wednesday 15 October  
08.30 to 12.30

Steeped in the rich traditions of the Middle East, Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, artfully blends the ancient past with the modern present. Visit one of the world's largest mosques, the **Sheikh Zayed Mosque**. Non-Muslims cannot enter mosques in the UAE but Sheikh Zayed Mosque is an exception.

Please note: participants will need to adhere to the strict dress code to enter the Mosque.

The tour will continue with a drive along the mesmerising Corniche to **Heritage Village**. This reconstruction of a traditional oasis village provides an interesting glimpse into the past. Traditional aspects of the desert way of life are attractively displayed in this open museum which includes workshops where craftsmen demonstrate traditional skills such as metal work and pottery, while women sit weaving and spinning.

### Tours 4, 8 and 12 Yas Marina Circuit and Ferrari World

Monday 13 AND Tuesday 14 October  
12.45 to 18.00

Wednesday 15 October  
08.30 to 13.45

**Yas Marina Circuit** is one of the world's most advanced Grand Prix venues. Participants on this tour will have the opportunity to pass by the marina and through the Yas Viceroy Abu Dhabi Hotel and out into the sand dunes. The race track is inspired by the

Places are limited, but if you would like to test drive a racing car on the Yas Marina Circuit, please contact Ovation Arabia who will be happy to arrange this during your stay in Abu Dhabi. The cost varies from USD 200 to USD 450 for a 10 to 60 minute experience, payable directly to Ovation. All test drives are subject to availability.

The tour will continue to **Ferrari World**, the only Ferrari-themed amusement park in the world. The iconic roof of Ferrari World is modelled after the side profile of a Ferrari GT and covers 200,000 square metres (2,152,782 square feet), making it the largest indoor amusement park in the world. Guests will enjoy thrilling rides, exciting attractions, themed shops and a Ferrari-inspired buffet.



# Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

Available items disappear very quickly. Please contact [caroline.green@iploca.com](mailto:caroline.green@iploca.com) right away if you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity.

## Directors & Wives Dinner

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers and Tekfen Construction and Installation Co., Inc.

## Worldwide Machinery Welcome Dinner

Worldwide Machinery

## Maats Golf Tournament

Maats Pipeline Equipment

## President's Dinner

Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC)

## "An Arabian Adventure"

Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and National Petroleum Construction Company (NPCC)

## The CRC-Evans Luncheon

CRC-Evans Pipeline International Inc.

## The Caterpillar Party

Caterpillar and Pipeline Machinery International, Bergerat Monnoyeur, Compagnia Generale Trattori

## Fireworks

Laurini Officine Meccaniche

## Audio Visual for 1<sup>st</sup> Open General Meeting

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## Audio Visual for 2<sup>nd</sup> Open General Meeting

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## Russian Simultaneous Translation

Argus Limited

## The Spy Ladies Brunch

Pipeline Inspection

## Gulf Interstate Cocktail Party

Gulf Interstate Engineering

## Travel Guide

Maats Pipeline Equipment

## Liebherr Model

Liebherr

## Gift

DENSO GmbH

## The First Time Attendees Cocktails

Available

## First Time Attendees Cocktails

Available

## Welcome Cocktails

Available

## Coffee breaks at Open General Meetings

Available

## IPLOCA Membership Cocktails

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## IPLOCA Membership Lunch - Buffet

Available

## IPLOCA Membership Lunch - Wine

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## Band at Final Banquet

Available

## Entertainment at Final Banquet

Available

## Audio Visual at Final Banquet

Available

## Wine at Final Banquet

Available

## Flowers at Final Banquet

Available

## DJ & Lights for Dancing 'til Dawn

Available

## Open Bar for Dancing 'til Dawn

Available

## Decoration for Dancing 'til Dawn

Available

## Tour 1 - Dubai City

Available

## Tour 2 - Catamaran Cruise

Available

## Tour 3 - Cultural Tour Abu Dhabi

Available

## Tour 4 - Yas Marina Circuit & Ferrari World

Available

## Tour 5 - Dubai City

Available

## Tour 6 - Catamaran Cruise

Available

## Tour 7 - Cultural Tour Abu Dhabi

Available

## Tour 8 - Yas Marina Circuit & Ferrari World

Available

## Tour 9 - Catamaran Cruise

Available

## Tour 10 - Cultural Tour Abu Dhabi

Available

## Tour 11 - Futuristic Tour of Abu Dhabi

Available

## Tour 12 - Yas Marina Circuit & Ferrari World

Available

## Registration Desk

Available

## Welcome Drinks at Registration (Sat/Sun)

Available

## Registration Bags for the Men

Available

## Registration Bags for the Ladies

Available

## Shopping Shuttle

Available

## Bottled Water for Tours

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## Photographers at the Convention

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## Convention Photo CD

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## Printing of Pocket Programme

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## Printing of Final Banquet Menu

Available

## Printing of Registration List

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## Convention Fund Contributions

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## Preparing for your trip

### ETIHAD Airways - Official Airline Partner for Abu Dhabi Convention



**Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates and the official airline partner for the Abu Dhabi Convention will offer significant discounts on flights to all IPLOCA delegates travelling to and from the convention.**

Roundtrip flights will be discounted 20 percent, including the connections on to Etihad alliance partners and code shares for all IPLOCA attendees who book their journey between 1 June and 31 July. A 15 percent discount will be provided to attendees making a reservation after 31 July 2014. Discounts are valid for travel outbound from 5-17 October and travel inbound from 17-25 October 2014.

IPLOCA attendees travelling in Diamond First or Pearl Business receive a complimentary limousine transfer to and from the Airport and to and from their home/hotel. Additionally, Etihad is happy to announce that this limousine service will exceptionally be extended to all guests travelling in Coral Economy for our convention.

To enjoy these exceptional fares, please visit [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com) and make your reservation from any Etihad Airways destination in the world using the promotional code IPLOCA2014. Once the booking process is completed, you will be able to order your limousine service also through this website. For further information please contact Etihad directly at +41 844 00 22 33.

### Do you need a visa for the UAE?

All passports must be valid for at least 6 months after your travel dates to the UAE. To determine if you need to apply for a visa prior to travelling, or for any questions, please visit: [www.abudhabiairport.ae/english/airport-information/check-in-and-passport-control/immigration-and-visas.aspx](http://www.abudhabiairport.ae/english/airport-information/check-in-and-passport-control/immigration-and-visas.aspx)

## Visas on Arrival

The following countries can obtain an entry visa free-of-charge upon arrival at the Abu Dhabi International Airport: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vatican City.

GCC citizens (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE) do not require a visa to enter the United Arab Emirates.

### Tourist Visas (valid 30 days)

Delegates from countries not listed above should apply for a tourist visa for the convention, using one of these options:

#### OPTION 1: Apply through our ground agent (Ovation)

Processing Fee: USD 175 per person, payable to Ovation by credit card or bank transfer. Send the following documents via email to [uaevisa@mci-group.com](mailto:uaevisa@mci-group.com) no later than 11 September 2014:

- The completed Ovation application form (download from the convention registration website)
- A clear scanned colour copy of your passport (must be valid for six months beyond your travel dates)
- A digital colour passport size photo in JPG format, file size no larger than 40KB
- For Indian, Bangladesh and Turkish nationalities, please include the parents page

Questions? Send email to [uaevisa@mci-group.com](mailto:uaevisa@mci-group.com) or call Ovation in Abu Dhabi at +971 2 628 1400.

#### OPTION 2: Apply through your local UAE Embassy or Consulate, through Etihad Airlines, or the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Processing Fee: Varies by provider and subject to change.

NOTE: If you choose OPTION 2, you will need to check the box to request a visa invitation letter from the IPLOCA Secretariat when you register for the convention.

## Packing for your trip: Dress Codes

**Abu Dhabi is tolerant and all visitors are welcome. However, Islam is a way of life in the city, and therefore visitors should adopt a certain level of cultural and religious sensitivity for the duration of their stay.**

While dress codes are fairly liberal, swim wear should be worn only on beaches or at swimming pools. Any form of

## MOSQUE MANNERS DRESS CODE



nudity is strictly forbidden, including topless sunbathing. When visiting shopping malls and other attractions, visitors should wear clothing that is not too tight, transparent or revealing and are kindly requested to cover shoulders and knees. Certain attractions, such as mosques or religious sites, usually have stricter dress codes, requiring both men and women to cover up bare shoulders, arms and legs, and requiring women to wear headscarves.

As a courtesy to the local culture the hotel observes a Smart Casual dress code. The hotel requests that in the evening guests refrain from wearing flips-flops, athletic apparel, torn clothing and backpacks, as well as sleeveless tops for gentlemen and denim shorts for ladies. Long trousers and closed shoes are required for gentlemen. Please note: for IPLOCA's private events only, the IPLOCA Dress Code will apply.

IPLOCA Dress Code	Ladies	Gentlemen
<b>Black tie/Formal</b>	Long gown/cocktail length dress	Tuxedo/dinner jacket
<b>Business attire</b>	Business suit or dress or trousers	Jacket/business suit and tie
<b>Smart casual</b>	Business suit or dress or trousers	Jacket; tie optional
<b>Casual</b>	Relaxed clothing, trousers/shorts/jeans/ dress and comfortable shoes	Relaxed clothing, trousers/shorts/jeans and comfortable shoes

## Alcohol Consumption

Alcohol can be purchased and consumed in all restaurants and the hotel bar but not in the Alba Lounge. Guests are not allowed to consume any alcohol in any other areas of the hotel such as hallways, the lobby, the Alba tea lounge and in front of the hotel. Alcohol can be consumed by the pool and in the areas designated for all IPLOCA events.

# Special Event

## An Arabian Adventure



Wednesday 15 October, 14:30 to 23:00

Proud and pleased to host convention attendees in the Gulf, Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and National Petroleum Construction Company (NPCC) have joined forces to offer all delegates a unique opportunity to experience an extraordinary event in the heart of the desert.

Your Arabian Adventure will begin as you board the coaches ready to take you to the Arabian Nights village. 'Dune bashing', a falconry display and henna painting are but a few of the activities that have been lined up for you. Delegates will even have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in camel riding before unwinding with cocktails at sunset and enjoying dinner with live music under the spectacular desert night sky.



# Elections

## to the 2014-2015 IPLOCA Board of Directors



**Elections to the IPLOCA Board of Directors take place every year at the annual convention as seats become vacant. Most elected board members serve for two years.**

Below is a list of 11 available board seats beginning October 2014. They include:

### **1 seat - Europe Eastern**

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

outgoing Director Kaan Dogan

### **2 seats - Middle East & Africa**

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

outgoing President Najib Khoury

outgoing Director Ibrahim Zakhem

### **1 seat - Europe Central**

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

outgoing Director Jan Koop

### **1 seat - America North**

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

outgoing Director Scott Summers

### **2 seats - Latin America**

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

outgoing Director Jesús Garcia Pons, vacant seat

### **2 seats - Europe North-West**

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

outgoing Director Adam Wynne Hughes, vacant seat

### **2 seats - Associate Members**

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

outgoing Directors Greg Miller and Michael Rae

If you are a Regular Member or an Associate Member and you would like to run for one of the vacant seats on the Board of Directors, please visit [www.iploca.com/elections](http://www.iploca.com/elections) where you will find the necessary documents to be completed and returned to the IPLOCA Executive Secretary no later than **Friday, 11 July 2014**.

### **Voting**

Each Regular Member company is entitled to one vote. If no-one from your company is able to attend the convention in order to vote, one vote per member company may be made on a proxy form (also available via a link on the website) and must be received by the Executive Secretary in the IPLOCA office at the The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal no later than Tuesday, 14 October 2014 in order to be counted.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, please contact [juan.arzuaga@iploca.com](mailto:juan.arzuaga@iploca.com).

## **Board of Directors**

**Per the association's current By-Laws (effective Istanbul 2012), the IPLOCA Board of Directors consists of a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25 directors as follows:**

- Sixteen directors representing Regular Members (two per each of the eight geographical areas), elected by the Regular Members
- Three directors, with full voting rights on the Board of Directors, elected by and representing the Associate Members of the association
- Five Officers of the Board, appointed by the full Board, form the Executive Committee and include The President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. (The Immediate Past President does not represent an area; the remaining officers are counted among the sixteen elected directors who represent the geographical areas.)
- Up to five Directors-at-Large, appointed each year by the Board of Directors at its first meeting, make up the remainder of the Board. The Directors-at-Large are nominated by the Executive Committee and appointed following the approval of the full Board. They are selected based on their active involvement and engagement in the work of the association, including in committee work, to capitalise on their knowledge and ensure continuity of leadership in certain areas.

# HSE Workshop

## High Potential Incidents

**IPLOCA's HSE Committee has scheduled a one-day workshop at the Moevenpick Hotel, Geneva on Wednesday 2 July 2014 to tackle the topic of high potential incidents, such as those incidents or near-misses that have the potential severity to cause permanent disability or death. A huge amount can be learned from studying such incidents.**

Near misses are opportunities to learn – without the consequence of what might have happened. Yet many organizations struggle with how to promote a culture of near miss reporting or how to make real changes from near miss lessons. The committee's goal with the workshop is to engage HSE managers and executives of the IPLOCA membership in this discussion.



The IPLOCA HSE Committee has invited Dianne Stober, Managing Partner of Cognitive Change Concepts, Inc. [www.ccconcepts.net](http://www.ccconcepts.net) and a licensed psychologist, to address the topic. Dianne has 20 years' experience applying psychological concepts to improving individuals' lives

and organizational performance. During the workshop, attendees will consider these safety challenges from a cognitive-behavioral perspective to understand how our mindsets regarding near misses will influence actions we take, both as leaders and as individuals within our organisational safety cultures. Attendees will also discuss how to take advantage of available leadership opportunities to use near miss reporting most effectively.



In order to participate, attendees will be required to register and submit a 3-4 slide presentation about their most instructive experience(s) resulting from near miss reporting. The report should describe causes, circumstances, the incident itself, consequences, if any, and lessons learned.

We look forward to welcoming you in Geneva for a productive session to discuss ways to continue reducing the high potential incidents in our industry.

## High Potential Incidents

**Wednesday July 2, 2014**

**Moevenpick Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland**

Hotel booking form and further information:

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

Registration deadline: Thursday May 29, 2014.

**Questions?** Contact [sarah.junod@iploca.com](mailto:sarah.junod@iploca.com)



Novel Construction Coatings Group Meeting

# New Technologies

## Novel Construction Initiative

**The Novel Construction Initiative Spring Plenary Session took place at the Moevenpick Hotel in Geneva on Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 March with 46 people from 23 companies in attendance.**

In addition to taking part in group work, delegates heard a number of new technology-focused presentations from guest speakers:

- **Health and Safety for Welders to the Next Level,**  
Erik Jan Veeren & Andreas Horesch - 3M

- **Efficient Weld Seam Cleaning with Non-stock Removal Tools**, Leo de Lange - Osborn
- **IWEX 3d AUT Inspection Tomography**, Jan van der Ent - Applus RTD
- **Digital RT Replacing Traditional RT and New Development on 3D Scanning Methodology**, Jan van der Ent - Applus RTD
- **Clean Technology to Heat up Heavy Crude Oil**, Laurent Selles - Creative Heating Services Switzerland
- **Novel PE Field Joint Coating Technology**, Norbert Jansen - Borealis AG, Patrick Jansson - Uponor Infra

After the work sessions on Thursday afternoon, the different groups presented their results to all the delegates. If you are interested in participating in further meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader below and watch our website and newsletter for meeting announcements.

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# Regional Meeting

## Munich

**Regular Members Bohlen & Doyen and Max Streicher organised a Regional Meeting for Europe Central in Schrobenhausen, near Munich, on 19 March 2014.**

IPLOCA Directors for Europe Central Jan Koop and Harald Dresp and IPLOCA Executive Secretary Juan Arzuaga were

among the 38 delegates who attended the meeting. Hosted by BAUER Maschinen and conducted partially in German and in English the meeting included presentations made by BAUER Group's Managing Director Dieter Stetter; by Amir Tajik, Senior Safety Engineer and HSE Committee member, Max Streicher GmbH & Co KG Aa; and by Olivier Barteit, Head of Proposals, Technip.

Attendees were given a guided tour of BAUER Maschinen followed by a dinner offered by the organisers.



Pictured (right): Former IPLOCA president Karl Trauner (left) catches up with Harald Dresp at dinner after the meeting.

# In the Headlines

## **PetroChina to Sell Pipeline Business to Accelerate Mixed-Ownership**

PetroChina, China's top oil and gas producer, has announced it will use part of its pipeline business to form a new company, which will then be sold as part of its mixed-ownership drive. The new company will be based on assets and liabilities concerning the west-east gas pipeline managed by its pipeline subsidiary and all shares will be transferred after its establishment, according to a PetroChina announcement filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Total assets involved are estimated at over 82 billion yuan (USD 13 billion), with total liabilities of around 53 billion yuan and net assets at 29 billion yuan, the announcement said. PetroChina said the move will improve its distribution of resources and financing structure, as well as boost its mixed-ownership progress.

*www.ecns.ch, 13 May 2014*

## **Libyan Oil Fields to Reopen**

Libya's western oilfields and pipelines would reopen after protesters ended a blockade, the National Oil Corporation (NOC) said, potentially raising Libyan crude output by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd). The major oil-producing fields of El Sharara, El Feel and Wafa, as well as the pipelines connecting them to the Zawiyah port, were scheduled to open on 12 May, as will the Mellitah condensates line, NOC spokesman Mohamed al-Harari said. "The protesters have announced that their blockade is over and all the lines in the west will reopen tonight," he said. The pipeline network in the west of Libya had been closed by protesters since March, forcing the shutdown of the oilfields, including the 340,000 bpd El Sharara.

*Reuters.com, 12 May 2014*

## **South Korea to Remove Underwater USFK Oil Pipeline**

The defense ministry reported it will remove an aging, U.S. military-used oil pipeline buried under the Han River which flows through Seoul, over contamination concerns. The ministry, along with the Seoul Metropolitan Government, was scheduled to launch the project on 13 May to tear down a nearly 1-kilometer-long oil pipeline under the Han River, which was shut down back in 2005 over pollution concerns. It is part of the 468-kilometer-long Trans-Korean Pipeline (TKP) built by the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) in 1970 to transfer oil from the southern port city of Pohang to Uijeongbu on the northern outskirts of the capital.

*www.koreatimes.co.kr, 12 May 2014*

## **Azeri Oil Exports Via Russia Fall 41 Percent in January-April**

Azerbaijan's oil exports via Russia fell 40.6 percent year on year to 338,812 tonnes in the first four months of 2014, Azeri state energy company SOCAR said. In full-year 2013, Azeri exports via Russia declined to 1.75 million tonnes from 2.06 million in 2012 as Azeri refineries took more crude to cover rising domestic demand for oil products. SOCAR agreed with Russian oil pipeline monopoly Transneft in February to export 1.0-1.5 million tonnes of oil via Russia in 2014, reversing plans to halt exports. SOCAR had previously planned to halt oil exports via Russia in February-March, opting instead to send the bulk of its crude through Turkey and retaining some to cover domestic demand.

*Reuters.com, 12 May 2014*

## **US Watchdog: Pipeline Safety Oversight Inadequate**

The federal agency responsible for making sure states effectively oversee the safety of natural gas and other pipelines is failing to do its job, the Transportation Department's Office of Inspector General said in a report released at the beginning of May. The federal effort is so riddled with weaknesses that it's not possible to ensure states are enforcing pipeline safety, the government watchdog report said. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is not ensuring key state inspectors are properly trained, inspections are being conducted frequently enough and inspections target the most risky pipelines, it said. The findings come more than three years after a gas pipeline explosion and fire killed eight people, injured 58 and destroyed much of a subdivision in San Bruno, Calif., a suburb south of San Francisco. Accident investigators cited weak state and federal oversight.

*Associated Press, 9 May 2014*

## **Bulk of Uganda Commercial Oil Production to Start in 2017**

Uganda expects the bulk of its commercial oil production to start by the end of 2017 as it awaits a pipeline to export crude oil and a refinery to be built, the minister of energy and mineral development said. The east African country first discovered crude deposits in the Albertine rift basin along its border with Democratic Republic of Congo in 2006. The discovery could lead to billions of dollars in revenue from expected crude oil exports of 140,000 barrels a day (bpd) and production of about 200,000 bpd, according to the minister, offering a boost for East Africa's third-largest economy. Crude extracted will be shared between a thermal power generation plant, a planned refinery and an export pipeline.

*Reuters.com, 9 May 2014*

# Thinking Ahead and Looking Back



As you may be aware, IPLOCA was founded in 1966 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the year from September 2015 to September 2016.

In anticipation of this important event we have begun assembling significant historical materials and making plans for our celebrations. In April this year, Juan Arzuaga, Executive Secretary, made a visit to the home of Jenny Phillips, widow of John K. Phillips, past Executive Secretary and Honorary Member of IPLOCA. John was highly influential in the development of the association over a long period of time and was widely respected in the industry. He and Jenny had lovingly stored countless documents, including old newsletters, menus and memorabilia from past IPLOCA events.



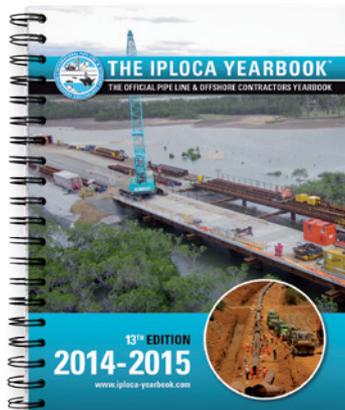
Jenny Phillips proposes a toast to IPLOCA in the garden of her home in the U.K.

Juan retrieved many documents for return to the IPLOCA Secretariat in Geneva for our historical archives and for possible use in the upcoming anniversary celebrations. We thank Jenny Phillips very much for her contributions to IPLOCA.



## IPLOCA materials from the 60s or 70s?

If you have any old documents or photographs relevant to IPLOCA's earliest days that you would like to share with the Secretariat, please contact our Business Administrator, [ira.hajdamacha@iploca.com](mailto:ira.hajdamacha@iploca.com), as soon as possible.



# IPLOCA Yearbook Upcoming Edition

## Listing information

Yearbook publisher, Pedemex will soon be sending you an email with login information and instructions so that you

can make changes in your company's listing for the new edition of the IPLOCA Yearbook. Please note: Separately, in October or November, you will receive an email from the IPLOCA Secretariat which will allow us to update our IPLOCA member database and make sure we keep in touch with the appropriate people in your organisation. Why are the two databases separate? The Pedemex Yearbook database is designed specifically for the purposes of creating the Yearbook whereas the IPLOCA member database is the lifeblood of the organisation and includes important organisational contacts such as HSE managers, sponsors, and convention attendees.

## Mobile IPLOCA Yearbook

Pedemex, publishers of the IPLOCA Yearbook, are ready to launch a cross-platform mobile version of the Yearbook later this year. IPLOCA member information, member profiles, member contact data with direct links to company websites and contact phone numbers are just a few of the features. The mobile version will be demonstrated to the Board of Directors in June.

## Upcoming Conferences

### CityPipe 2014

3-6 June 2014 - Moscow, Russian Federation  
<http://www.citypipe.ru/>

### Pipeline Security Summit

18-19 June 2014 - Abuja, Nigeria  
[www.elimucommunications.com/pipeline-security-summit.html#1-conference-overview](http://www.elimucommunications.com/pipeline-security-summit.html#1-conference-overview)

### Ensuring Global Project Competitiveness through Construction & Logistics Excellence

19-20 June 2014 - Milan, Italy  
[www.eci-online.org/annual\\_conference/2013](http://www.eci-online.org/annual_conference/2013)

### IPLOCA Workshop on High Potential Incidents

2 July 2014 - Geneva, Switzerland  
[www.iploca.com/hseworkshop](http://www.iploca.com/hseworkshop)



### Safety in Action 2014 Conference

6-9 October 2014 - Noordwijk, The Netherlands  
<http://www.safetyconference.com>

### 48th IPLOCA Annual Convention

13-17 October 2014 - Abu Dhabi, UAE  
[www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com)



### APIA Convention

18-21 October 2014 - Melbourne, Australia  
[www.apia.net.au](http://www.apia.net.au)

### IPLOCA Novel Construction Initiative Fall Plenary Session

5-6 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland  
[www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com)



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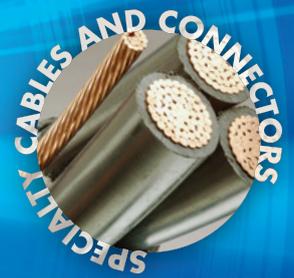
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