

Who, if not us

Future leaders are expected in St Petersburg this summer



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On June 23, 2019, the 6th Youth Forum of the World Petroleum Council – Future Leaders Forum will open in St. Petersburg. This is the largest international platform for professional communication of young professionals in the oil and gas industry. Participation in the Forum provides a unique opportunity to establish contacts, exchange views and impressions with students and young professionals from all around the world, as well as to talk and get valuable advice and guidance from recognised leaders of the global petroleum industry.

The WPC Youth Forums are held every three years. Russia hosts it for the first time. The Forum is prepared by the Russian National Committee of the WPC. The main events will be held at St. Petersburg Mining University, the oldest engineering university in Russia. The atmosphere of the future Forum and the expectations associated with it are exactly conveyed by the slogans of the event: «Who, if not us» and «When, if not now».

In the view of the World Petroleum Council, the involvement of initiative young people in the industry, training of highly qualified personnel, and creation of conditions for the self-realization of a new generation of specialists are the key conditions for the development and competitiveness of the oil and gas industry in modern realities.

The core role of youth policy implementation is assigned to the WPC Youth Forums, which, like the World Petroleum Congresses, are held once every three years and represent unique international platforms for professional communication.

Registration to the Forum is open on the website www.flf-russia.com. Moreover, there are no age limits for participation in the Forum. Any motivated specialist can become a delegate.

TOPICAL DISCUSSION

Extensive and diverse Technical Programme is the core event of the 6th Fu-

ture Leaders Forum of WPC. The most topical issues of the current state and prospective development of the global oil and gas industry will be discussed. The events will be held in various formats: Plenary Sessions, Panel Sessions, Forums, Round Tables, Open dialogues. In addition, on June 27, Technical Tours

are planned: young participants of the Forum will be given the opportunity to visit the existing production facilities of the oil and gas industry of Russia. The international forum of young oil and gas specialists held in Russia is a kind of prologue of the 23rd World Petroleum Congress (Houston, USA – 2020). In this



«It is assumed that the Future Leaders Forum will become the largest international platform for professional communication of young professionals in the oil and gas industry in history. Hundreds of young people from dozens of countries will come to the Forum, and the agenda will focus on the most topical and important issues of strategic development of the oil and gas industry»

Alexander Novak,
Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Future Leaders Forum, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation

regard, it is considered appropriate to synchronise the Technical Programme of the 6th Future Leaders Forum with the agenda of the World Petroleum Congress. In particular, one of the focuses of the discussion will be the «Competencies and skills for innovative solutions» topic. The first Plenary Session of the Forum will be devoted to the discussion of the «Energy Transformation – Map of the Future» topic.

It is expected that the Forum, which will last until June 28, will be attended by around 1.200 young people from dozens of countries. The industry leaders – the heads of the leading energy companies in the world, outstanding scientists, key experts will come to the meeting with young professionals. In particular, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation Alexander Novak, President of the World Petroleum Council Tor Fjaeran, Executive Vice President and Country Chair Russia at Shell Cederic Cremers, Chairman of Corex Pedro Miras Salamanca, General Director of the PJSC Gazpromneft Alexander Dyukov, Vice President of Halliburton Galen Cobb, Executive Vice President of Schlumberger Jean-François Poupeau, CEO NIS jsc Novi Sad Kirill Tyurdenev.

YOUTH TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The Youth Programme Committee of the 6th Future Leaders Forum of the WPC has prepared an extensive Technical Programme covering a wide range of scientific and technical innovations in the oil and gas sector. Youth Technical Sessions will be one of the key areas of the Forum's work. This is a tribune whereby young professionals from different countries and continents can talk about their vision of the future of the petroleum industry, and offer their own approaches to solving problematic issues in various segments of the industry's activities. For the first time, the selection of speakers for Youth Technical Sessions was held on a competitive basis. For this purpose,

Call for Papers, summarising the results of independent research of young specialists on the most relevant topics of the industry agenda, was opened on the official website of the Forum www.flf-russia.com.

The organisers announced 9 key topics that applicants should focus on. These topics are arranged into three groups: Leadership, Innovation, and Sustainability. The authors of the most interesting proposals received invitations to speak at the Forum. According to the decision of the Organizing Committee, they will be

able to participate in the Forum without paying the registration fee, which is mandatory for other participants. Members of the Expert Commission will assess the level of reports at the Technical Sessions. Authors of the best papers will be awarded diplomas and prizes.

Students, postgraduates, and young professionals under the age of 35 became participants of the competition. The selection was conducted by an Expert Commission consisting of members of the WPC Youth and Programme Committees. Abstracts were reviewed in an impersonal form. Accordingly, only the relevance and quality of research were taken into account.

At the initiative of the administration of St. Petersburg Mining University, young participants of the competition have the opportunity to publish their scientific work in the collection indexed by SCOPUS, Web of Science. The collection will be published by CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group, UK), a business partner of the Mining University.

VOLUNTEERS

A team of 200 volunteers is being formed for participation in the 6th Future Leaders Forum. It is assumed that volunteers



«The Programme of the Future Leaders Forum in St. Petersburg is very consonant with the topic of the World Petroleum Council. Discussions at the youth platforms allow refreshing the view on the state and prospects of the industry»

Tor Fjaeran,
President of the World Petroleum Council

«The Future Leaders Forum, which will be held in St. Petersburg in the summer, will be my third Youth Forum of the World Petroleum Council after Calgary and Rio. Based on this personal experience, I can state with certainty that these are very impressive and unique platforms for professional communication»

Stepane Rousslet,

Chairman of the WPC Young Professionals Committee



rious history and rich cultural heritage. The Cultural Programme of the Future Leaders Forum is formed in such a way that young specialists of the oil and gas industry, who came to St. Petersburg from all over the world, would have the opportunity to get acquainted with the city, its surroundings, and attractions. In particular, Excursion to Peter and Paul Fortress and Neva Cruise are planned for June 24. On June 25, the Solemn Reception is scheduled in the Hermitage. On June 27, a Football match and an Environmental campaign will be held.

It is assumed that the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Youth Forum of the World Petroleum Council will be held at the Mariinsky Theatre, which is worthily called «the Pearl of Cultural Life» not only in St. Petersburg but also in Russia.

And the Official Closing Ceremony of the Forum is being prepared in Konstantinovskiy Palace. This architectural monument of the XVIII century, located on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, fascinates with its classical beauty and well-manicured park. Nowadays it is an official leisure destination for senior officials of Russia and reception of important guests.

The Administration of St. Petersburg, the Committee for Tourism Development and the Congress and Exhibition Bureau of St. Petersburg play an active role in shaping the Cultural Programme of the Forum and ensuring its implementation.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

When it comes to the practical significance of the WPC Youth Forums, we can distinguish the following main points:

- participation of young professionals in the Forum is a great opportunity to add to professional knowledge and current information on the status and development prospects of the industry, about the most important trends and innovations (the Forums' programmes include reports of the leading figures and guru of the industry);

- the Forum is a unique chance to present to the international community the results of its own research, to try to interest key actors of the global oil and gas industry;

- as the most popular international youth platform for professional communication, the Forum creates extremely favorable conditions for finding like-minded people and establishing business contacts; personal contacts for many years will help in professional activities.

Pictures: working moments of the visiting meeting of the Youth Programme Committee of the 6th Future Leaders Forum of the World Petroleum Council in St. Petersburg.

will work 3-4 hours per day; they will have enough time to participate in activities and informal communication. At the same time, volunteers will have to cover only transport expenses to St. Petersburg and back. Accommodation, lunches, participation in the Forum, and even special equipment will be free for them.

As of today, the acceptance of applications from candidates for volunteers is finished. They came from 368 applicants from 31 countries. The most representative age group of the applicants is 21-25 years old (45%), 23% are the shares of applications from the candidates of

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The meeting place for delegates of the 6th Youth Forum of The World Petroleum Council will be St. Petersburg, one of the most beautiful cities in Russia with a glo-

«The WPC Youth Forums are arranged not often – once every three years. Participation in this event gives, in fact, a unique chance to express themselves, to complement knowledge, to expand the range of professional communication, to find like-minded people in different countries of the world. Do not miss this opportunity»

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