



27th INTERNATIONAL
SCIENTIFIC & EXPERT MEETING OF GAS PROFESSIONALS
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Grand Hotel Adriatic
Opatija, Croatia

Beautiful Croatian seaside resort Opatija, will host a traditional

27th INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC & EXPERT MEETING OF GAS PROFESSIONALS, Opatija 2012, organized by
Croatian Gas Centre Ltd. and Croatian Gas Association and main partner Siemens.

Well known as one of the largest gas conferences & exhibitions in South-East Europe with strong tradition and international character, it will bring together about 500 influential players in the Croatian and East European gas market, which will discuss the latest developments and trends in the gas industry of Croatia, Europe and worldwide, through scientific and technical presentations, panel discussions and round tables. This event is an excellent opportunity for all participants of the natural gas market to showcase their products, services and latest technological solutions by exhibiting gas equipment, promotional posters and brochures on indoor and outdoor exhibition units, as well as to network with creators of the energy policy of Croatia, leaders of major Croatian and European energy companies, gas equipment producers and traders, gas distributors and representatives of national and international scientific institutions.

The keynote speech ***“Are We Entering a Golden Age of Gas”*** will try to elaborate ways of promoting energy policies that allow natural gas to unlock its potential to contribute to economic growth and all the changes needed in technology, gas production and consumption to fully realize the potential of this abundant energy source. Few internationally recognized speakers will discuss the three pillars that have direct and significant importance to possibility of entering and effectively maintaining the Golden Age of Natural Gas for meaningful period of time.

Since many regulations and legislations in Europe have been initiated and distributed energy production is growing in line with the growth of renewable energy sources usage, gas industry has brought new technologies that use intelligent systems to combine all energy sources into the centralized system. The author of the invited presentation ***“New Efficient Technologies Based on Intelligent Systems”*** will give an overview of these market drivers and show examples of such intelligent systems. Since the German government decided to phase out of nuclear energy up to 2020 the main challenge is how to deliver the right energetic quality at the right time to the right place since there is a problem with the availability of renewable energy. Invited presentation ***“The role of Renewable Energies in Germany After the Phase Out of the Nuclear Energy Program”*** will give options the meet those requirements.

Interactive Round table ***“Gas Market Opening in Republic of Croatia”***, followed by case study from Serbia and other countries, will give a short overview of the current gas market situation and then will reflect on the regulatory framework development in the years from 2011 until now, identifying key events in market development. More detailed discussion is given of the market opening process, its prerequisites, pitfalls and particular circumstances of the Croatian market. In conclusion, some short and mid-term expectations will be given.

Other important topics like ***Present and Future Activities of Croatian Gas Transmission Operator – Plinacro, Future Exploration and Development of Onshore and Offshore Gas Fields, Problems Regarding Gas Supply and Distribution, LNG, Gas Storage Facilities, Possibility of LPG Usage on Islands and Rural Areas and Improving Gas Safety by Using New Efficient Gas Appliances*** will follow with more than 50 presenters from Austria, Belgium, China, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Serbia, Slovenia, United States and Turkey.

Gas Equipment Exhibition will be held in parallel with the conference and bring together about thirty Croatian and foreign exhibitors – gas equipment producers and traders, as well as all other companies participating in the gas market.

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