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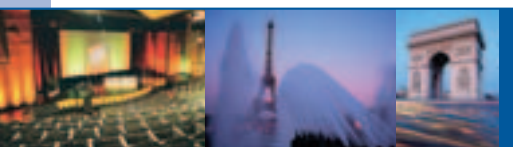
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→ INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY WILL HELP OUR COMPANIES TO SOLVE MAJOR CHALLENGES

In the autumn of this year, during October 8 to 10, 2008, you will have the opportunity to attend the International Gas Union Research Conference, IGRC 2008 in Paris, hosted by the French Gas Association and Gaz de France. The organising committees prepared a three-days' programme focussing on the major challenges of today's and tomorrow's gas business.

I will have the pleasure to open the conference on behalf of France. Energy companies are facing major challenges like the energy demand, the security of supply and the critical issue of climate change. I am convinced that the energy mix of the future will include a large share of natural gas. New natural gas technologies will increase the natural gas competitiveness by offering exceptional efficiency to the customer. This will be the expected outcome of combining the skills and the resources of the gas companies and academic research to prepare our energy future.

More than 40 high level invited speakers will share their perspectives on subjects of great importance to our business. The contributions will come from Europe, North America, Asia, Russia and Latin America. Besides the oral presentations, **we expect more than 300 posters** presenting in depth technical issues that will be carefully selected by the Technical Programme Committee of IGRC.

Also I have the pleasure to announce **two innovative events** :

- > a **CEO's round table** that will deal with the value of technology and innovation in the business;
- > **Innovative Top Tables** to show innovative products throughout the gas chain.

The conference venue will be the **"La Cité des Sciences de La Villette"** in Paris. This is an excellent surrounding for a scientific conference, where you will not only attend the conference but also enjoy the many exhibitions of **"La Cité des Sciences"** or be entertained by the 3D movies in **"La Géode"**.

I personally believe in the benefits that R&D may bring to our global industry to satisfy the need for an environmentally friendly energy source. I am also looking forward to have the opportunity to meet many of you and to learn of the latest development in technology.

It will be a great honour to have you participate in the conference.



Jean-François Cirelli,

CHAIRMAN AND CEO,
GAZ DE FRANCE

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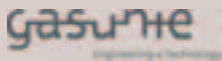


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■ **Among the topics presented during oral sessions are:** Financial benefits from R&D; R&D views from manufacturers perspectives; Implementation of new technologies for the gas market; Cost and safety issues of LNG; Intelligent Underground Storage of Natural Gas; Security against third party interference; Development of Cogeneration Systems for residential applications; Emission reduction of greenhouse gasses; Symbiosis of natural gas and renewable energy production; Gas to liquids; Energy management for consumers, meeting national energy savings standards; Gas transport and distribution efficiency, and many other topics presented by experts. These oral presentations will be given in parallel sessions at 30 minutes per topic.

■ **Among the items in the poster sessions are:** Resolution Graph Based Clustering; Integrity of pipelines; LNG project feasibility; Stress Corrosion Cracking; Optimal maintenance frequency; Gas Hydrate production; Energy demand; Green gas. These and many more will be presented during 3 sessions of 2,5 hours during the conference. These poster sessions form the centre piece of our conference, providing you with the opportunity to have in depth discussions with authors of your choice.

■ **A few items will be focused on during the workshops,** for instance a workshop on the results of a research project about the possibilities for mixing hydrogen in the natural gas stream. www.naturalhy.net

■ **The conference fee** is kept modest at €950 excluding VAT thanks to the contributions of the sponsors of the IGRC2008. Please refer to the IGRC2008 website to register for the conference. www.igrc2008.com

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