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There has been a general trend over the last 10 years for gas companies, particularly those in liberalised markets, to reduce R&D expenditure. Given the strategic challenges facing the gas industry, it is time to reconsider the level of R&D expenditure and its business focus and there by changing the slope of the decreasing trend of R&D support.

■ Since the fruitful IGRC conference 2004 in Vancouver, much thought has gone in to the future positioning of the International Gas Research Conference. **The International Gas Union (IGU) has taken IGRC (International Gas Research Conference) now fully under its umbrella** and is preparing a **new IGRC in**

**October 8-10, 2008.** The official name and timing of the conference have changed. It is now called the IGU Research Conference – but this is still IGRC for short – and it is now planned within around twelve months before the next World Gas Conference (WGC). This timing has the benefit that it is possible to bring major results from IGRC up to date and present those at the next WGC.

■ The programming of the conference will be reviewed with a balance between short, mid and long term issues, but focussing on the relation between the gas business and gas research will be a more pronounced part of the conference.

**Workshops and roundtables** are planned on major issues and technology topics facing the gas industry. A selection will be presented among topics such as CO<sub>2</sub> capture and sequestration, safety issues concerning the whole gas chain, methane hydrates, increase efficiency of depleted and stranded gas fields, gas and renewables, distributed energy generation and use of information technology to improve the efficiency of the gas chain.

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*Cité des sciences et de l'industrie  
La Villette, Paris*

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Apart from the workshop **oral and poster sessions** on each of the links in the gas chain, will be organised; Exploration and Production (including LNG), Storage, Transmission, Distribution and Utilisation. You may expect to receive the call for papers for this prestigious conference in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007. The final conference programme will be distributed early 2008. The deadline for the submission of the papers for the proceedings will be within the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008.

■ IGU is happy to announce that IGRC 2008 will be held at the Scientific Conference Center in Paris, the *Cité des sciences et de l'industrie\**, with the support of the **French host, Association Française du Gaz (AFG)**. The chosen venue assures a professionally organised conference in a pleasant environment close to the heart of the city with “grandeur”: **Paris for 2008.**

■ Conferences like the IGRC provide an excellent opportunity for interactions among very different delegates from the institutions that have gas research in common or benefit from the results. Technological success is not for granted, it needs to be nurtured through research and development focused on basic science as well as technology breakthroughs. However a clear link to market needs is at the end of the day decisive for the interest of companies.

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**We call upon you and your colleagues to put this conference in your planning and prepare to submit papers and attend the conference.**

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