

22nd WPC 2017 - About

Turkey has won the bid to host the 22nd World Petroleum Congress (WPC) in 2017, widely recognized as the `Olympics` of the oil and gas industry.

"This time – Istanbul!" was the motto for the Turkish delegation as they faced the USA with Houston, Kazakhstan with Astana and Denmark with Copenhagen in the election to host the 22nd World Petroleum Congress in 2017. In a tightly run competition, Istanbul won the right to host the prestigious Congress with 55% of the votes in the third round against its strongest rival Houston with 45%. Turkey participated the Council meeting in Calgary, where the elections were held, with students, experts, Turkish National Committee and the government delegation, including the Deputy Energy Minister of Turkey.

All candidates had been conducting an extensive lobbying campaign from January 2013. They visited many of the 70 WPC member countries in person to promote their bids to host the prestigious event. As the "Olympics" of the oil and gas sector, the Congress attracts large attendances with over 6000 delegates, 500 CEOs, 50 Ministers and around 25,000 visitors for the World Petroleum Exhibition, one of the largest strategic oil and gas expos in the world.

In accordance with the World Petroleum Council regulations and the Memorandum of Understanding, establishing the right of Turkey to host the 22nd World Petroleum Congress and assigning responsibilities for preparation and hosting of the Congress between the World Petroleum Council and the Turkish National Committee, was signed on April, 9th, 2014 in Ankara, Turkey.

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey, Mr. Taner Yldz, President of World Petroleum Council, Mr. Renato Bertani and Chairman of WPC Turkish National Committee, Mr. Besim iman, WPC Director General, Mr. Pierce Riemer, together with participants from Turkish Petroleum (TP) attended the signature ceremony.

They all presented their pleasure of Turkey's success being selected as the next host country.

Turkey kicked off its promotion for the 2017 Congress at the 21st WPC in Moscow, Russia, 15-19 June 2014; with its stand activities, interviews, speeches and closing ceremony presentations. The Turkish delegation at the 21st WPC consisted of more than 100 delegates, from TP, government, national companies and universities.

At the closing ceremony, the WPC Symbol was handed over from Russia to Turkey after fantastic shows from Russia. The Congress Symbol inauguration by Russia Minister of Energy Alexander Novak to Minister of Energy of Turkey, Mr. Taner Yldz was followed by colorful performances of Turkish folk dance ensemble.

The 22nd World Petroleum Congress will be held in Istanbul (Turkey) on 9-13 July, 2017.

During the 3 years period, WPC Turkish National Committee and the Organizing Team will be communicating all National Committees about the progress and the preparations.

Turkey welcomes all industry stakeholders to Istanbul in 2017 to the 22ndWPC!

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