

Interview with Brian Statham, Chair of South African Member Committee



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What keeps you awake at night?

I worry constantly about the inequity in the energy sector, which extends beyond the massive issue of Energy Poverty. I also refer to the institutional capacity, the sophistication and performance of energy infrastructure, the availability of financial and human resources and the empathetic understanding of the respective current realities of the developed and the developing peoples of the world.

Sadly, I too often experience a lack of appreciation for the emotional and intellectual drivers that underpin our actions. Developing people often expect support from the developed world as though it is a right without acknowledging their own obligation to create the enabling environment for such assistance to flow. Conversely, developed people often express frustration at the lack of sophistication in the developing world without recognising the need for evolutionary development to take place over a period of time. The result is a perpetuation of the status quo, which inhibits us from making significant progress on global issues such as: climate change, health pandemics, technology deployment and international learning.

What should the WEC think about?

WEC is made up of "real" people; people who are passionate about energy systems and the mission of WEC; people who have a proud tradition of coming together from the developed and the developing worlds to cooperate in conducting studies and producing reports on a wide range of topics; people who have visited a variety of countries for EAs and Congresses; people who have an understanding of the global, regional and national contexts. WEC should capitalise on this well established culture of working across boundaries to facilitate international dialogue on energy matters. Facilitating such dialogue could be a new line of business for WEC as an enhancement of the Patrons and Global Partners programme.

What is my challenge as an MC Chair?

In recent years there has been an explosion of associations, societies and other bodies all competing in the energy space for the ever-declining pot of funds available from the business sector for the support of such "public benefit" activities. The Member Committee has to deliver a uniquely valuable offering in order to survive as WEC affiliation alone will sadly not be sufficient to keep a national Committee viable.

It is thus a primary role of the MC Chair to provide the link between the resources of WEC and the issues confronting local energy players. Well designed local products and services will attract local members and will also attract the multi-nationals working locally. This requires me to be up to date and in touch with the issues, globally and locally; a huge challenge given the complexity of the energy sector and the rate of change. However, I am motivated by the enthusiasm and dedication of the many energy professionals I meet.

WEC Debriefing

WEC Turkey looks toward its energy future

The WEC Turkish Member Committee held its 11th National Energy Congress from 21-23 October 2009 in Izmir. This triennial event attracted over 800 participants representing the spectrum of the country's energy sector. High-level speakers included the Energy Minister, Taner Yıldız and the former President, Süleyman Demirel, who both delivered keynote addresses. Slav Slavov, WEC Regional Manager made a presentation about WEC and its role in setting the global energy agenda whilst Mr. Süreyya Yücel Özden, Chairman of the Turkish Member Committee, made the opening speech in which he evaluated Turkey's energy sector.

The Congress discussed the opportunities and challenges facing the country's energy sector and Turkey's role in the global energy scene. Located at the crossroads between Europe and Asia, Turkey is the 15th largest economy in the world, with 72 million people and strong economic growth. During the last five years (2003-2008), its GDP has grown by nearly 140%, or by approximately 7% per annum. Turkey's unique geographical position makes it a major energy transit country between several strategically and economically important regions, including Russia, the Caspian region, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. Today, Turkey has the capacity to transport 121 million tonnes of oil per year and after the completion of ongoing projects, the capacity will reach 221 million tonnes of oil and 43 billion cubic meters of natural gas.

The main fuel used for power generation in Turkey is natural gas and the country depends heavily on this imported fuel. There are significant coal reserves in Turkey and coal is widely used. Hydropower and other renewables together account for 14,240MW of the country's total installed generating capacity of 41,987MW. Turkey has electricity interconnections with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Congress Update

WEC Montreal Programme to be unveiled online on November 16!

We are pleased to announce that detailed information about the WEC Montreal 2010 Congress will be available online on the official Congress website as of Monday, November 16, 2009: www.wecmontreal2010.ca

Visitors to the site will find:

- ❖ Congress program, as well as a description of each session.
- ❖ Option to register and book hotel rooms online and benefit from early-bird prices
- ❖ Eligibility conditions for the Future Energy Leaders Program and registration instructions
- ❖ Information on eligibility for the Developing Countries Program and registration instructions.
- ❖ Full description of activities included in the Companion's Program, designed to give visitors a diverse, exciting and memorable stay in Montreal.

WEC Agenda

We invite our members to attend the following events:

November 20, 2009; Zagreb, Croatia

Energy Day In Croatia: 'Quo Vadis Energy In Times Of Climate Change?'

Contact: bjelavic@eihp.hr

February 22 – 24, 2010; Wellington, New Zealand

WEC Asia & Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

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February 23, 2010; Johannesburg, South Africa

WEC Africa Regional Meeting

Contact: fall@worldenergy.org / hague@worldenergy.org

February 24 – 26, 2010; Johannesburg, South Africa

ENERGY INDABA 2010 Conference & Exhibition

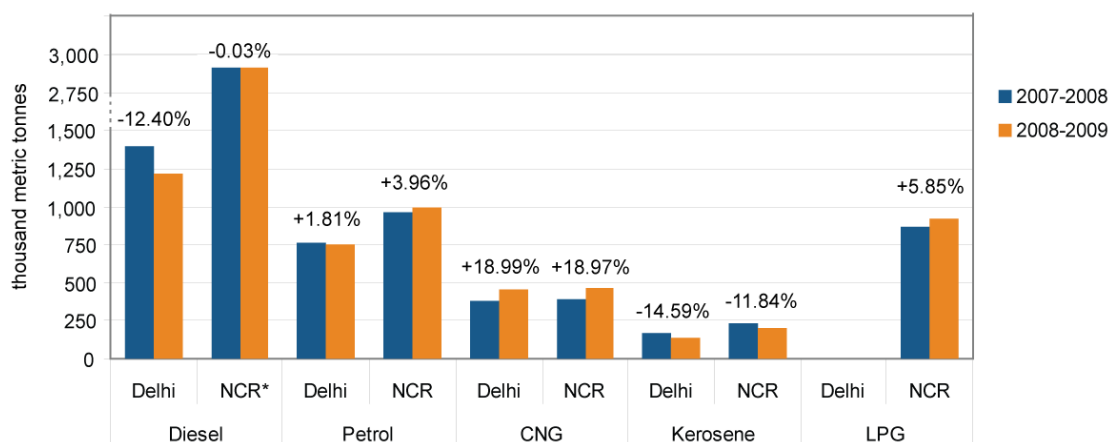
WEC Members benefit from a 30% discount rate to the regular registration fee.

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For further events, please check the Events page on the WEC website...

Inside Insight

Consumption of petroleum products in Delhi (India) and the National Capital Region (NCR)



* Diesel consumption NCR 2007-08 2,905,000 metric tonnes, 2008-09 2,904,000 metric tonnes

As part of WEC's Energy for Mega Cities Study, Delhi, a city growing at an unprecedented pace, is being examined for its requirements to meet demand for energy and the delivery of secure and reliable energy. One area of special concern is Delhi's transport sector and the enormous total fuel loss per day due to idling of vehicles. To decrease the total fuel loss per day, a number of actions such as installation of vehicle actuated traffic signals or the optimization of signal cycle timings have been undertaken in the past, or are in the process of being implemented. Besides, Delhi has also shifted to CNG transport and now has one of the world's largest fleet of CNG driven buses. These initiatives are not only improving traffic conditions, but are also having a great impact on consumption of petroleum products, as shown in the figure. The data is from a recent report of the WEC Indian Member Committee, "Case Study of Delhi".

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