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FOSTERING OUR GENERATION'S ENERGIES

Dear readers, dear friends,
Since the last edition of the World Petroleum Council Young Professionals magazine, the industry has entered a new downturn period. The dwindling oil prices have brought companies and nations to their knees and accelerated industrial mergers and acquisitions. COP21 and the growing concerns of the population about global warming have pushed forward the energy transition fostered by investment reorientation and alternative energies. These challenging times will mark our professional and personal lives as we enter or develop our careers in the petroleum industry. However, we also believe that a crisis brings opportunities to imagine a new landscape and to foster innovative solutions and intergenerational dialogue.

In this changing world, our contribution as the World Petroleum Council Young Professionals Committee

remains to provide a platform for all petroleum industry students and young professionals. Globally, the national representatives have launched and boosted initiatives aimed at sharing their passion for the industry and bridging the geopolitical boundaries by bringing together global youth perspectives within the industry. The WPC Future Leaders Forum is the highlight of this year and we look forward to bringing the future industry leaders together, with the ambition to collectively contribute to the sustainable growth of our business.

Locally, our volunteers have increased their efforts to multiply the networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities. Let us share just a few examples: In Iran, more than 100 students and young professionals connect continuously to debate their vision while their country and industry open new horizons. Meanwhile, Spain presented its inaugural Youth Petroleum Award, recognising their

country's emerging industry leaders. And of course, Brazil deserves special appreciation: it is gratifying and humbling to see the enthusiasm of the volunteers committed to the success of the Future Leaders Forum. These are examples of successful achievements, and a call for us to build on the momentum they have created.

This momentum will lead the WPC Young Professionals community to the 22nd World Petroleum Congress in Istanbul (9-13 July 2017). Our Turkish friends have put together an extensive programme of lectures, networking opportunities and events to connect all the young participants to the Congress. We look forward to meeting you all and bridging our sustainable energy future together.

On behalf of all the Committee, we would like to thank the volunteers and members of the WPC community! ●

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