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# THE ROAD TO ISTANBUL: TURKEY – YOUR NEXT DESTINATION!

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**T**he 22nd World Petroleum Congress will be held in Istanbul, from 9-13 July, 2017 and covering all aspects of the industry, from upstream to downstream, including management, sustainability and social responsibility. At the 22nd WPC, there will be an extensive “Youth Programme”, aiming to utilise the energy and dynamism of the youth, as well as to engage young professionals more in the ongoing industrial activities and provide a platform for them to have their say. Many students, researchers and young professionals in the industry from all around the world will have the chance to come together with around 5,000 industry leaders and 20,000 visitors in Istanbul.

Besides a special plenary session dedicated to young professionals, there will be a “Young Professionals Lounge” in the exhibition area, which will serve as a gathering point for young people during the Congress. The lounge will

offer many useful facilities such as sofas and tables to sit, relax, read the YP magazine, enjoy a worthwhile discussion or simply work on their laptops. The lounge, branded with the theme “Bridges to a new competitive energy industry”, will be the meeting point for the informal speeches, oil games, mentoring meetings, technical tours and many other youth activities and surprises that will bring together young people and seniors to share their insights. These activities will also provide a perfect atmosphere for networking opportunities.

This time, the Turkish WPC Young Professionals Committee came up with a new concept: “OILYMPICS” to increase interaction between young and senior professionals, where the concept mainly refers to oil-oriented games and activities. Within the context of the OILYMPICS, “OILYMPICS ISTANBUL” is the most popular game, where the aim is to team up young professionals and

industry experts in oil games, to develop the skills they will need, and to enable networking, as well as providing two-way industry learning. Participants will be placed in teams and set challenges such as mini puzzles, industrial questions and quizzes, while discovering the fascinating highlights of Istanbul, just before the Congress starts.

Another amazing opportunity for students and young professionals attending the 22nd WPC is to participate in the “Volunteers

Programme”. Volunteers will gain free access to the Congress and free accommodation in exchange for their part-time voluntary work during the event. In this way, they will not only have the chance to listen to industry experts from all over the world but also enjoy spending time on the exhibition floor enabling them to feel more involved in this unique event.

In light of its previous experience of organising various big international events, Istanbul, a city with amazing

cultural attractions, facilities and services will make the 22nd WPC an unforgettable event for all participants.

As a country believing deeply in the dynamism of its younger generation, Turkey is ready and eager to welcome you to Istanbul!

So, come and be part of this prestigious event, the 22nd WPC in Istanbul, from 9-13 July, 2017, and check [www.22wpc.com](http://www.22wpc.com) for detailed information.

Turkey awaits you!

**Istanbul, one of the world’s greatest cities, will make the 22nd WPC an unforgettable event**



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