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Interview with Dr Arturo Gonzalo, Director of Institutional Relations and Corporate Responsibility of Repsol, and Chairman of the WEC Spanish National Committee.



Dr Arturo Gonzalo worked with the Government of Spain for many years. He was a member of the Environmental Policy Review Group of the European Union, and played an active role in the Spanish Presidency of the Environment Council in 1995. In 2008 he returned to Repsol and in December 2010 was elected as Chair of the Spanish National Committee.

A current energy issue in Spain which would be of interest to our readers.

Throughout 2009 and 2010 a multi-party Commission created within the Spanish Congress conducted a study with the aim of developing proposals to define a 25-year strategy for the Spanish energy sector. In December 2010, it agreed on the required measures that, if adopted, have far-reaching consequences not only for the energy sector, but for the economy as a whole. The findings illustrate the extent of work needed if Spain is to achieve its goal of environmental and economic sustainability.

Concerning electricity generation, the promotion of renewable sources and the development of related technologies are emphasised as key to the long term cost reductions associated with learning curves in the industry. The Commission also considers that further regulation related to power stations will be required to solve the intermittency problems associated with renewable sources. Likewise, the need to develop an integrated network for the supply and distribution of gas is noted, as is the potential of this source of energy in the special cases of the Canary and Balearic islands. Since hydrocarbon will continue to be a very significant portion of the energy mix, Carbon Capture and Storage technology should also be implemented as it becomes economically feasible to improve the sustainable profile of fossil fuels. Concerning the nuclear sector, continued participation in international

co-operation efforts that preserve and promote knowledge and technological capacities is important, as is the definition of policy regarding nuclear electricity production. Participation in international energy programs will also be vital to the technological development of future energy sources

Your plans to ensure that the Spanish MC remains active in WEC's work, including areas of interest for your country

In my new role as President of the Spanish National Committee, one of my priorities is to improve the visibility of the Spanish Committee (CECME), not only at the national level, but also in the international arena. Nationally, we are hoping to broaden the association's social base in order to gain a better understanding of the diverse issues that affect the energy industry today. Government agencies, regulators and academic institutions can all offer perspectives that enrich the debate and give the Spanish Committee a better insight into important issues. Likewise, future events that improve the visibility of CECME and WEC at the national level will help the organisation develop its role as an interlocutor for the various interests in the industry. In line with our aim to increase our involvement at the international level, we have nominated seven Spanish experts to participate in nine of the WEC's working groups and knowledge networks and we look forward to contributing with our point of view to the debates within the World Energy Council and hope to learn from different perspectives.

What Repsol hopes to gain from being a WEC Global Partner?

Repsol hopes to gain from the extensive network of contacts and from taking part in the associated activities organized by WEC for the Patron and Global Partner Programmes. We also hope to benefit from the various points of view offered within WEC. As the regulatory environment changes over the coming years, sharing experiences and opinions with other WEC members will be invaluable to the company as it builds on its recent successes. In a world where energy is increasingly a global issue, where the integration of energy markets is a priority, and the diffusion of new technologies a necessity, being a WEC Global Partner is, without a doubt, enriching for Repsol as a company with a stake in 'inventing the future'.

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WEC Debrief

Pierre Gadonneix attends the 'Informal Energy Ministers Council Meeting' hosted by the Hungarian Presidency of the EU, May 2-3rd 2011

The meeting was attended by Ministers and/or their representatives from the 27 member states and candidate countries. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the "2050 energy road map" currently being drafted by the EU Commission and to be published by the end of the year. Sessions were opened with speeches by Commissioner Öttinger and by invitees Nobuo Tanaka (IEA) and Pierre Gadonneix.

Our chairman reiterated that nuclear requires strong operators to develop and maintain a real safety culture, and needs strong and independent national safety authorities with powers to investigate control, and if necessary, suspend operations of nuclear plants. He also set out the three main challenges for the energy sector - security of supply; climate change and access to energy. And echoed WEC's key message that all energies are needed, and we have to make the most of their advantages while minimizing their drawbacks. Recognising the constraints of: climate change (carbon emissions to be halved by 2050); finances (crisis) and skills. He expressed the need for public policies: long-term visibility, cost containment; behavioural change and transparent prices... along with international cooperation. He said countries must deliver on pledges taken after Copenhagen and they must develop new international financing tools to address carbon leakage.

WEC Agenda

We invite our members to attend the following events:

June 30 2011 WEC Romanian National Committee conference: Renewable Energy Resources

“Valorisation of Hydro-energy Potential in Romania”
 Venue: ISPE, Acad. Martin Bercovici Hall
 Organised by: WEC/ RNC, Hidroelectrica and ICPE
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September 20 - 23 2011 2011 Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) Ministerial Meeting

Location: Beijing, China
 Contact: CSLF Secretariat
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September 14 - 16 2011 World Energy Leaders' Summit Rio 2011, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Organised by: WEC London
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For further events and more details, please check the Events page on the WEC website...

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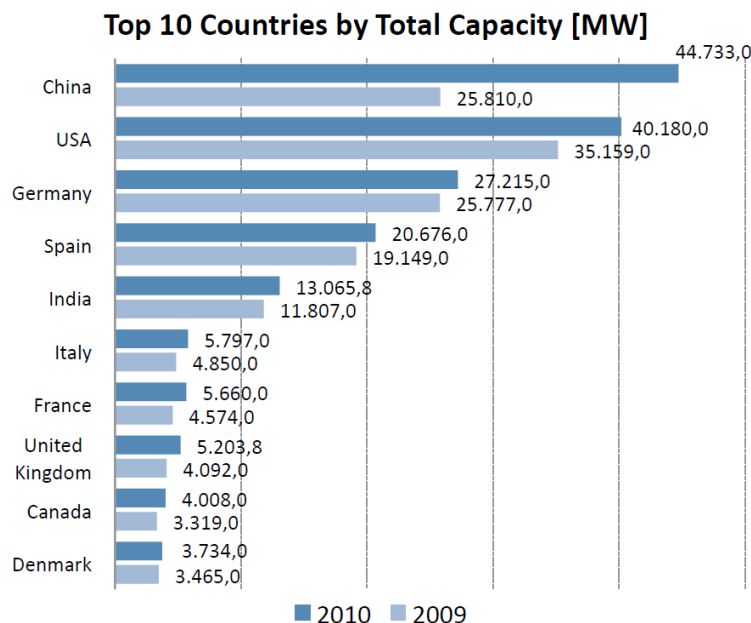
Inside Insight

Growth of world wind capacity slows in 2010

Wind resources are well distributed all over the world and wind energy capacity has been doubling by about every three and half years since 1990. Encouraged by renewable portfolio standards such as feed-in tariffs, Global capacity at the end of 2010 was approximately 200 GW. China, adding another 18.9 GW in 2010 to its overall capacity, and became number one in total installed capacity (44.7 GW). However, Denmark, with almost 4 GW, has the highest per capita level, and production corresponds to about 20% of Danish electricity consumption.

2010 has seen strong growth in some Eastern European countries but Asia accounted for the largest share of new installation (54.6%). This was followed by Europe (27%) and North America (16.7%) with only marginal increases in the number of new installations being detected in Latin America and Asia.

In Europe Germany maintained its number one position with approximately 27 GW, despite the very rapid growth of recent years slowing in 2010. However, following recent developments in Germany due to the planned phase-out of nuclear by 2022, we are likely to see increased capacity again to meet the supply challenges over the coming years.



Source: World Wind Energy Report 2010

New members of the team! We are very pleased to officially welcome Ori Chandler and Margaret Wu to the WEC London staff. Ori will be working as our new Member Services Manager, alongside Emily Melton and Margaret will be working as Manager of Finance.

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