

2014: “Golden Legacy of WPC”, Moscow

In 2014, Russia hosted the 21st World Petroleum Congress in Moscow. Under the theme “Responsibly Energising a Growing World” were covered all aspects of the oil and gas industry including the upstream and downstream sectors, natural gas and renewables as well as the sustainable management of the industry. The 50.000 m² World Petroleum Exhibition accompanying the Congress broke a new record, with 30% more space than the previous Congress in Doha. It attracted 16,788 visitors to the stands representing 542 exhibiting companies.

Congress brought together more than 10 000 attendees from 119 countries around the world. Moreover, about 700 students, PhD researchers and young professionals of the energy sector had the opportunity to be a part of such a global event.

Taking into account the importance of involving young people in the industry and managing the increasing talent gap, the Russian National Committee of the World Petroleum Council (RNC of the WPC) has established the “Golden Legacy of WPC” Scholarship, which is aimed at identification of the most talented and successful students all over Russia. The establishment of this scholarship is the fulfillment of the 21st World Petroleum Congress Organizing committee obligations on the use of the Legacy for charity.

The contest is opened for students of the eight Russian universities training the specialists on a wide range of the oil and gas majors.

The high GPA and outstanding achievements in the scientific or social activities are the most important criteria of selecting the winners who are awarded with the “Golden Legacy of WPC” Scholarship. The competitive selection is organized by the special formed committee.

The contest is held once a term. The ceremony of awarding the winners is always dated to one of the most significant events in the energy sector.

For instance, in 2015, the ceremonies of awarding the winners were held in the framework of the following events:

- The 85-year anniversary of Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, April 17, 2015, Moscow, Russian Federation;
- WPC Tomorrow's Leaders Symposium 2015, October 9, 2015, Budapest, Hungary.