



From the Chair's Desk

The response to the IGRC2027 Call for Abstracts has demonstrated one thing clearly: the global gas research community is ready to shape the next chapter of the energy transition.

Dear Community Member,

I am delighted to share that the Call for Abstracts for IGRC2027 has now officially closed. On behalf of the National Organising Committee, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed.

With submissions received from more than **60 countries**, researchers and industry experts have highlighted the diversity of ideas driving innovation across the gas value chain.



From methane emissions reduction and hydrogen integration to digital infrastructure, biomethane and energy system resilience, the breadth of topics reflects an industry evolving rapidly while maintaining a strong focus on affordability and security of supply.

The Technical Programme Committee reviews the submitted abstracts and builds a programme that showcases both scientific excellence and practical industrial solutions. This review process is now underway, and we look forward to announcing further milestones early fall.

We are also pleased to share that **conference registration will open on our website soon**, and detailed information regarding registration options, attendance opportunities and important dates will be communicated shortly. We encourage you to stay connected and watch for upcoming announcements on our website.

Our newsletter also explores two topics that are rapidly transforming the gas industry. First, we look at the growing impact of artificial intelligence on energy demand, as the expansion of AI-driven data centres creates new requirements for reliable and flexible energy infrastructure. As digitalisation accelerates, the interaction between AI, power systems and gaseous energy solutions is becoming an increasingly important area of focus for our industry. The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently highlighted these trends in its report *Key Questions on Energy and AI*.

As the global energy transition gathers pace, we also mention the latest developments in hydrogen, illustrating how innovation is increasingly moving beyond technology towards the implementation of resilient infrastructure and integrated energy systems.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are building a truly global platform for innovation, collaboration and knowledge sharing. Please be sure to mark **24–28 May 2027** in your calendars and join us for what promises to be an inspiring event. I look forward to meeting many of you in Budapest in May 2027.

Please also note that we remain open to sponsorship partnerships and welcome enquiries from organisations interested in supporting the conference.

Warm regards,



Chair of NOC IGRC2027

Save the date — 24–28 May 2027, Budapest,
Hungary.

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