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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

20 years ago, I participated in my first international conference. I was a first year PhD student, printed out (just in case on transparencies for overhead projector) a presentation on the development of international natural gas prices and went to the ETH in Zurich. It turned out to be a European conference of the IAEE and I have participated in several international and regional conferences ever since. I have now the pleasure and honor to succeed to Jean-Michel Glachant as the President of the International Association for Energy Economics. Thank you, JM, for energetic support of the Association last year which was marked by organizational transition. Today we are in year 1 of a new era: it will be the first full year under the management of Talley, it will be the first year during which SAGE will publish our prestigious Energy Journal and it will also be the first year that we have an Editor from Europe of the Energy Journal.



For me the goal during this year will be to re-install the outstanding scholarship of the Energy Journal, lift up EEEP to competitive level and make our conferences a place of scientific excellence with contributions from industry, policy and academia. All three contribute in their own to this and nourish each other but need to be in dialogue with each other. So, let us aim to find a good balance and maintain the friendly and level-playing field atmosphere at our meetings.

Together with Council, which has recently welcomed new Council members, Leila Dagher, Matteo Di Castelnuovo, Eric Hittinger, and Pedro Linares, and with the support of the President-Elect Edmar Almeida, and continuing Council Members Jean-Michel Glachant, Peter Hartley, Andrew Slaughter, Swetha Ravi Kumar, Christophe Bonneroy, Lin Zhang, Adonis Yatchew, Maureen Paul, Aaron Praktiknjo, Roula Inglesi-Lotz, Nils-Henrik von der Fehr, Han Yan, and Charles Mason, I intend to carry out this presidential mandate in full collaboration with the Council and all of you, Members in a fully transparent manner. Just like previous, current and future presidents and council members I take this position on a pro-bono basis.

Last year, IAEE's council has approved a tiered approach to membership dues based on World Bank national income categories. Council hopes to expand IAEE's outreach in emerging and developing countries while keeping up with cost inflation since our last rate increase in 2019. More information and details can be found at: https://iaee.org/documents/2024/2024_membershipinfo.pdf

I would like to invite you to accompany us on this journey again this year by renewing your membership if you have not done so yet. I encourage all of you to invite new individual members to join and help us to attract new institutional members. It is the contribution of individuals and the support of institutions that enables us to manifest our international platform for exchange that our Association is. We are

the association that backs the conversion of (global) energy systems to net-zero emissions with solid research and inform the energy policy debate.

IAEE will hold this year its 27th International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, from June 25th to 28th. The Local Organising Committee and the Programme Committee are working hard to deliver a high-level programme. This will be a good occasion to meet, reconnect, and update each other. Over 527 papers were submitted. The program is under active development with many exciting speakers on board. I hope it will be an occasion to meet again in person and to experiment with some hybrid sessions. We will also have the opportunity to indulge in Turkish Music and encounter a Mevlevi Sema ceremony, an UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. I am almost certain that there will also be Baklava! Registrations are open and the conference will be preceded by a PhD-day, tailored for academic researchers.

Visit the website for updates and take advantage of the discount available for flights with Turkish Air. Visit the conference website at <https://www.iaee2024.org.tr/>

Other opportunities to meet this year this year will include the 9th ELAEE Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the 41th USAEE/IAEE North American Conference in Baton Rouge, LA.

Are you interested in becoming the next Executive Director of IAEE? Or do you know somebody in your network who might be interested? We thank Frank Mortl, who decided to seize another opportunity, for his guidance in the past year. A search committee is leading the search for a new Executive Director, the announcement can be [found here](#).

To close for today let me stress this: Please do not hesitate to send me your comments or report bumps on the road: I will personally respond to each one.

Careers, Energy Education and Scholarships Online Databases

IAEE is pleased to highlight our online careers database, with special focus on graduate positions. Please visit http://www.iaee.org/en/students/student_careers.asp for a listing of employment opportunities.

Employers are invited to use this database, at no cost, to advertise their graduate, senior graduate or seasoned professional positions to the IAEE membership and visitors to the IAEE website seeking employment assistance.

The IAEE is also pleased to highlight the Energy Economics Education database available at <http://www.iaee.org/en/students/eee.aspx> Members from academia are kindly invited to list, at no cost, graduate, postgraduate and research programs as well as their university and research centers in this online database. For students and interested individuals looking to enhance their knowledge within the field of energy and economics, this is a valuable database to reference.

Further, IAEE has also launched a Scholarship Database, open at no cost to different grants and scholarship providers in Energy Economics and related fields. This is available at <http://www.iaee.org/en/students/ListScholarships.aspx>.

We look forward to your participation in these new initiatives.