

6th Asian Conference in Wuhan China

On November 2-4, 2018, the 6th Asian Conference of the International Energy Economics Association (IAEE) was held in Wuhan, China. The theme of the conference was "Energy Exploitation & Cooperation in ASIA". Topics covered included:

- How should energy development and cooperation in Asia be addressed?
- What kind of competition and cooperation patterns should be taken and how should they be applied?
- Does the current energy supply and transport infrastructure ensure long-term security?
- What alternative solutions exist?

The conference received 202 submissions from 32 countries. More than 240 people from more than 20 countries registered including more than 60 international guests. A total of 16 conference speakers were invited from the United States, Canada, Japan, Finland, Turkey and other countries and regions.

The conference was hosted by the International Energy Economics Association (IAEE) and China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) and organized by the School of Economics and Management (CUG).

On the afternoon of November 2nd, Adonis Yatchew and David C. Broadstock, two editors of *The Energy Journal*, participated in a Ph.D Session and had face-to-face discussions with Ph.D students.

On the morning of November 3rd, the opening ceremony was chaired by Professor Ying Fan, chairman of the Scientific Committee. She expressed his gratitude to the guests and volunteers and introduced Professor Jinhua Cheng of the University of Geosciences (Wuhan), IAEE President David Knapp and Researcher Tiejun Wei, of the Ministry of Natural Resources

Professor Deyi Xu chaired the first plenary session on "Global and Asian Governance Mechanisms In The Energy Market". Timo Kuosmanen, professor at Aalto University Business School in Finland, spoke on "(De) regulation of the Energy Sector: Measuring Competition of Local Monopolies in Electricity Distribution". Professor Zhongxiang Zhang from Tianjin University's discussed "Global and Asian Governance Mechanisms in the Energy Market", and Masakazu Toyoda, Chairman and CEO of the Japan Energy Economic Research Institute, spoke on "How to Put into Practice Energy Cooperation in Asia".

Professor Zhen Wang from China University of Petroleum chaired the first dual plenary session on "Energy Strategy: History, Reality and Future". Gurkan Kumbaroğlu, professor from Boğaziçi University, Turkey, spoke on "Diffusion Prospects for Electric Vehicles, Infrastructure Requirements and Sustainability". He was followed by Philip Andrews-Speed, professor at the National University of Singapore, who discussed "Meeting Multiple Energy Challenges, an Institutional Perspective".

The second dual plenary was chaired by Tulsa University professor Ronald Ripple. Xiliang Zhang, a professor at

Tsinghua University, gave a report on "China National Carbon Market: Features and Perspectives". Then Govinda R. Timilsina from the World Bank, discussed "Carbon Pricing Policies for China".

A workshop entitled "Establishing and Integrating the Chinese Carbon Market" was held on the evening of November 3. Presided over by Dean Sun Yongping, vice dean from Hubei University of Economics, discussants included Professor Ying Fan from Beijing University, Dr. Xunpeng Shi from the University of Technology, Sydney, and Hanwu Liu, General Manager of China Hubei Emission Exchange. The three expressed their views on the theme of "Carbon Market Background, Principle and Current Development".

The first session of the second Dual Plenary on November 4 was on "Coping with the Challenge from Renewable Energy to Traditional Energy" was chaired by Professor Xiaoli Zhao of China University of Petroleum. Professor Lei Zhu from Beihang University discussed "Energy Investment and Technology Evaluation". Then Professor Yukari Niwa Yamashita from the Japan Energy Economic Research Institute spoke on "Will Energy Transition Be A Thorny Path?", Finally, Professor Hansong Cheng of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) spoke on "Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier Technology: from Energy Storage to Fuel Cell Applications".

In the second dual session "Asian-Oceania Region Oil and Gas Markets", a report on "Natural Gas Markets in Asia-Oceania: Recent Developments and Future Prospects" was given by Professor Peter Hartley of Rice University in the United States. Professor Zhen Wang from the China Petroleum Policy Research Office discussed "The Key Role of Natural Gas in China's Energy Transition", and Professor Christophe Bonnery reported on "The Future Role of Oil and Gas in Power Markets in Energy Transitioning Economies".

The concluding Plenary Session was hosted by Professor Zhongxiang Zhang from Tianjin University. Ronald D. Ripple of the University of Tulsa discussed "Natural Gas Movements in the Region and into China". David Broadstock spoke on "Supporting OBOR Investment Through Socially Responsible ('green') Finance: Opportunities, Challenges and Policy Priorities".

Closing remarks was made by Professor Xiao Jianzhong of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan). On behalf of the University he expressed his sincere thanks to the partners of the conference, and thanked the scholars at home and abroad for their participation and expressed hope that such exchanges can continue to develop.

This conference was held for the second time in China. It has strong professionalism, standardized organization and a high degree of internationalization. It is a high-level international conference in this field. This conference promoted exchanges and cooperation between scholars at home and abroad to further enhance the international influence of relevant disciplines of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan).