

# IAEE ENERGY FORUM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great to connect with so many of you just before the summer at our 27th International Conference in Istanbul. Additionally, it was great to introduce our Executive Director Julie Sutter to the association and to connect her with many of you. The USAEE successfully held its North American Meeting in Baton Rouge earlier in November and suddenly the year is almost over!

The preparation for next year's international conference in Paris are well under way and you should mark your calendars for 15–18 June 2025. Thank you for your feedback on the Istanbul meeting via the form or comments via social media. Be assured that we do appreciate to hear from you and take your concerns very seriously. All male panels should be a thing of the past and I thus invite you to come forward with speaker suggestions and urge you to consider volunteering, looking at you bright women out there! Other lessons learned include that vicinity of locations during the daily conference program is a prerequisite to maximize the value of participating and that six presentations could be too many in any one session. Also, bringing new faces (and perspectives) to panel sessions as well as the interaction of session participants would be highly valued by many of you. Let me tell you that I have heard you!

Congratulations to Aaron Praktiknjo, Andrew Slaughter, Swetha Ravi Kumar, Nils-Henrik M. von der Fehr, Roula Inglesi-Lotz, Seung-Jin Kang and Ange Blanchard to their nomination, (re-)election and willingness to accept positions in council as President-Elect, VP Finance, VP Communications, VP Academic Affairs, VP Membership and Affiliate Relations, VP Business and Government Affairs, and Student Representative from 2025 onwards. Our association is run by volunteers and it is us members who shape the future of the association. Thank you, Peter Hartley, for serving the Association over the past years when it was in turmoil, that was not an easy task. With your perspectives and experience you sailed that boat out of the storm.

This edition of the Energy Forum is a double feature with a thematic focus on Energy Poverty in all its breadth and depth mainly due to the large number of contributions from you.

Citizens living in energy poverty lack sufficient access to affordable and reliable energy to meet their basic needs. This can take various forms, such as a lack of lighting, cooking, space heating or cooling options. Energy poverty often affects



low-income households and can have negative impacts on quality of life, health and economic development. Today, 50 million people lack access to electricity and more than 2 billion people do not have access to clean cooking technologies and fuels (IEA, Strategies for Affordable and Fair Clean Energy Transitions, 2024). In the least developed countries over half of the people lack access to the basic energy needs.

We are overwhelmed by the response from you which highlights the relevance of the topic. It is a difficult issue to address since it includes a variety of definitions (fuel poverty, access to electricity) and the interplay with other goals of energy policy. Therefore, it cannot be a standalone policy objective but needs to be aligned or considered within context such as a “Just Energy Transition.”

As for other activities I am happy to inform that as of next year, the Saudi Arabian and Turkish Association will join forces and create the Middle Eastern and Asian Conference which will take place alternately in the Middle East and Central Asia to represent the region and create dialogue. In Denmark, the Danish Association has been revived and is on track becoming an Affiliate to the Association again—welcome back!

For the remaining time of the year let me close by thanking you members wherever you are located geographically: it has been a pleasure to serve you as the Association’s president during the year 2024. At times it was very challenging (Kudos to Stephanie, Rebecca, Ethan, Julie, Gregg and the whole team at Talley who provided excellent service and guidance to me!) but also rewarding.

I do really hope the Association continues on its current track of re-inventing itself and I want to close off by inviting you, every single one of you, to contribute. The times they are a changing but we do have to be in dialogue in order to find the best solutions.

## 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](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.