

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the July 2015 edition of Access for Women in Energy Newsletter.

This new edition includes recent press articles related to women and their contribution to the energy sector where, according to Jennifer Rice, from BHP Billiton Petroleum “You definitely have to have a personality to be able to do it”. A study by Gulf Intelligence argues that gender balance in the global energy industry could take decades to achieve. US based Duke Energy CEO cites two career crises in defining leadership: the death of accounting firm Arthur Anderson and the Dan River coal-ash spill.

Different events were held last month focussing on women in energy. For example, the Colorado Petroleum Council hosted “Women Rocking the Rockies” event in Denver and involved more than 250 of Colorado’s high school juniors and seniors and college-aged young women to discover the career opportunities that exist for women in the oil and natural gas industry.

We hope you will find this material informative.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@meconsult.co.uk should you wish to receive more information about the Women in Energy initiative, our newsletter or forthcoming events.

We would also welcome any feedback or suggestions regarding articles, features or opinion pieces that could be included in future editions.

Kind regards

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Pink the Permian: Event focuses on improving gender imbalance in oil and gas industry

Odessa, Texas-18 June, 2015



Jennifer Rice started six years ago in the oilfield on the drilling and production side. She helped oversee drilling on behalf of a mineral owner on a ranch, and later she moved into managing facilities for BHP Billiton Petroleum. Often she was the only woman on the lease.

“You definitely have to have a personality to be able to do it,” Rice said. “You can’t take stuff from people, from the guys.” [Read more](#)

Gender Balance in the Global Energy Industry Could Take Decades to Achieve, GI Study Shows

Dubai- June 15, 2015



Dubai - The global oil and gas industry should accelerate efforts to empower women and close the sector's gender gap or risk operational preparedness to tackle 21st century challenges such as having to overcome an emerging shortage of petroleum engineers and fostering the technological innovations required to harvest increasingly tough-to-access hydrocarbon reservoirs, a study by Gulf Intelligence Research showed. [Read more](#)

American Petroleum Institute woos women for all kinds of jobs

Unites States-June 8, 2015

Women to work in the oil and gas industry, where the American Petroleum Institute says all kinds of jobs are available, from welder to occupational therapist to accountant.

One way to reach out to them: start when they are young.

The Colorado Petroleum Council, a division of the American Petroleum Institute, has two events planned for this month to reach young women and talk to them about demystifying a science, technology, engineering and math career. [Read more](#)



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Duke Energy CEO cites two career crises in defining leadership

New York-June 10, 2015

Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good kicked off the KPMG Women's Leadership Summit in New York on Wednesday with a keynote address focused on two career crises — the death of accounting firm Arthur Anderson and the Dan River coal-ash spill.



The summit was held in conjunction with the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at the Westchester Country Club and webcast by the Golf Channel. It featured speeches and panels focused on developing women's careers to get more of them into C-suite positions. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was to be the final speaker. [Read more](#)

Networks for women in energy complement each other

Houston-June 28, 2015

Two networking groups for women in the energy industry recently have made inroads in the Permian Basin. The Houston-based Women's Energy Network (WEN) hosted a meeting for a potential Permian Basin chapter in May, while Pink Petro's CEO Katie Mehnert pitched her Halliburton- and Shell-backed social networking site to women in mid-June.



While both groups aim to improve the social networking capabilities for the oil and gas industry's slowly growing female cohort, both organizations attack women's challenges in the industry from different directions. [Read more](#)

WoWE annual honors announced at WINDPOWER 2015

Orlando-June 15, 2015



The winners of the Women of Wind Energy (WoWE) Awards were announced at the annual luncheon held at AWEA's WINDPOWER 2015 Conference in Orlando, FL. The awards put the spotlight on professionals at the pinnacle of the industry as well as on the up-and-coming next generation of leaders. All three winners provide examples of achievement, creativity and courage.

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In first, a woman will run U.S. nuclear weapons laboratory

New York-June 23, 2015

Engineer Jill Hruby was named director of the Sandia National Laboratories on Monday, becoming the first woman to head one of three U.S. government labs charged with developing and maintaining the country's nuclear arsenal.

The 32-year veteran of the Albuquerque, New Mexico-based labs has overseen a wide range of research there, including studies focused on nuclear weapons, solar power, and machines that build miniscule electrical components the width of a human hair.

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Sponsored feature: Shell's quest to close the gender gap.

United Kingdom-June 16, 2015



Oil and gas has long been a male-dominated industry. Both on the field and at boardroom level, men still outnumber women. But things are beginning to change, and one of the companies helping to lead the way is one of the biggest firms in the sector: Shell.

According to a recent survey by NES Global Talent, three-quarters of women working in the

oil and gas sector say they feel welcome in the industry. Despite this 45% still believe they don't receive the same recognition as men. [Read more](#)

Technip to mark National Women in Engineering Day

United Kingdom-June 23, 2015

French energy services giant Technip will mark National Women in Engineering Day with an open evening at its UK headquarters in Westhill tonight. On Tuesday, June 23rd from 6pm-7.30pm.

Following the success of a similar event last year, Technip's UK operating centre has invited young women interested in a career in engineering to come along to find out more about the industry and the company's work in the subsea sector. [Read more](#)



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Consumers Energy Executive Mary Palkovich Receives National Recognition for Leadership, Employee Development

New York-June 25, 2015



Mary Palkovich, vice president of energy delivery for Consumers Energy, has been recognized by the Midwest Energy Association with a Maverick Award for her empowerment and advancement of women into leadership positions.

"Mary Palkovich has always been a leader who believes in sharing her skills, experience and perspectives so that others can learn, develop and take on leadership roles.

We are privileged to have her as an integral member of the Consumers Energy leadership team," said Dan Malone, senior vice president of energy resources. [Read more](#)

UK Energy Secretary: We Are Committed to Iraq's Oil Sector

London- June 09, 2015

Speaking at London's Iraqi Petroleum Conference 2015, UK Energy Secretary Andrea Leadsom has outlined British ambitions in the Iraqi oil sector, and emphasised the commitment British companies have shown in the country. As oil consumption continues to rise across the globe, Leadsom pointed out that Iraq is a position to exploit the demand, and believes that UK companies are the best option. "The UK is highly ambitious – we want to be Iraq's 'partner of choice'. We are committed to working with you to make this happen," Leadsom told delegates. [Read more](#)



U.S.: Iran has still not resolved IAEA questions on its nuclear program

United States- June 11, 2015



The United States urged the Iranian regime to resolve longstanding IAEA questions about the "possible military dimensions" of its nuclear program. Speaking at a U.N. nuclear agency meeting on Thursday, Laura Kennedy also, the U.S. ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, said it was important for Iran to implement the IAEA's Additional Protocol,

which allows U.N. inspectors under specific circumstances to visit Iranian sites with as little notice as two hours' notice. [Read more](#)

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Green Street - Mechanical engineer Emily White on a life in renewables

United Kingdom-June 23, 2015

The 34-year-old MD tells *The Engineer* about her studies and career, and explains what the industry can do to attract more women. Mechanical engineer Emily White is the managing director at Entap, a renewable energy asset management company that works across wind and solar. She told *The Engineer* about her engineering background, her career progression, and the challenges facing women in engineering.



[Read more](#)

ECOWAS countries validate policy to incorporate gender in energy programmes

Nigeria- June 24, 2015



Countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), represented by the Ministries of Energy, have validated the regional policy to incorporate gender in all energy programmes, projects and initiatives implemented in the member states.

The projects include large-scale energy infrastructure projects and investments. This took place during a two-day regional gender and energy workshop organised by the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) and the ECOWAS Department of Social Affairs and Gender early this month, in Dakar, Senegal. [Read more](#)

One year anniversary at the House of Lords sees POWERful Women celebrating success and leading a call to action

United Kingdom- June 18, 2015

POWERful Women's anniversary event, generously sponsored by Linklaters, provided an exciting opportunity to share what has been achieved in our first year; what we have set as priorities; and where we would like your support!

Ruth Cairnie, Chair of PFW welcomed many distinguished guests including our keynote speaker Nicky Morgan; Stephen Lovegrove the Permanent Secretary at DECC; and Lord Bourne, the new Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DECC. [Read more](#)



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Spotlight on: Sandy Stash

United Kingdom- June 26, 2015



Sandy Stash, Group Vice President of Safety, Sustainability and External Affairs at Tullow Oil with nearly three decades of experience working in oil & gas, discusses her career and what needs to be done to improve the positions of women in the energy sector. [Read more](#)