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UKOPA Member Meeting 2024

Competition Law reminder

“This is a meeting of competitors and competition law must be strictly adhered to both during the meeting and any breaks. Discussion should be limited to the items on the agenda, which was circulated beforehand. There should be no discussion on sharing of commercially sensitive information such as price, costs, markets, investments. Should the discussion stray onto potentially sensitive topics you should object and insist that the discussion is immediately stopped.”

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GDPR reminder

Is everyone happy:

With their name being added to the minutes?

Their photos being taken and possibly used in social media and website posts

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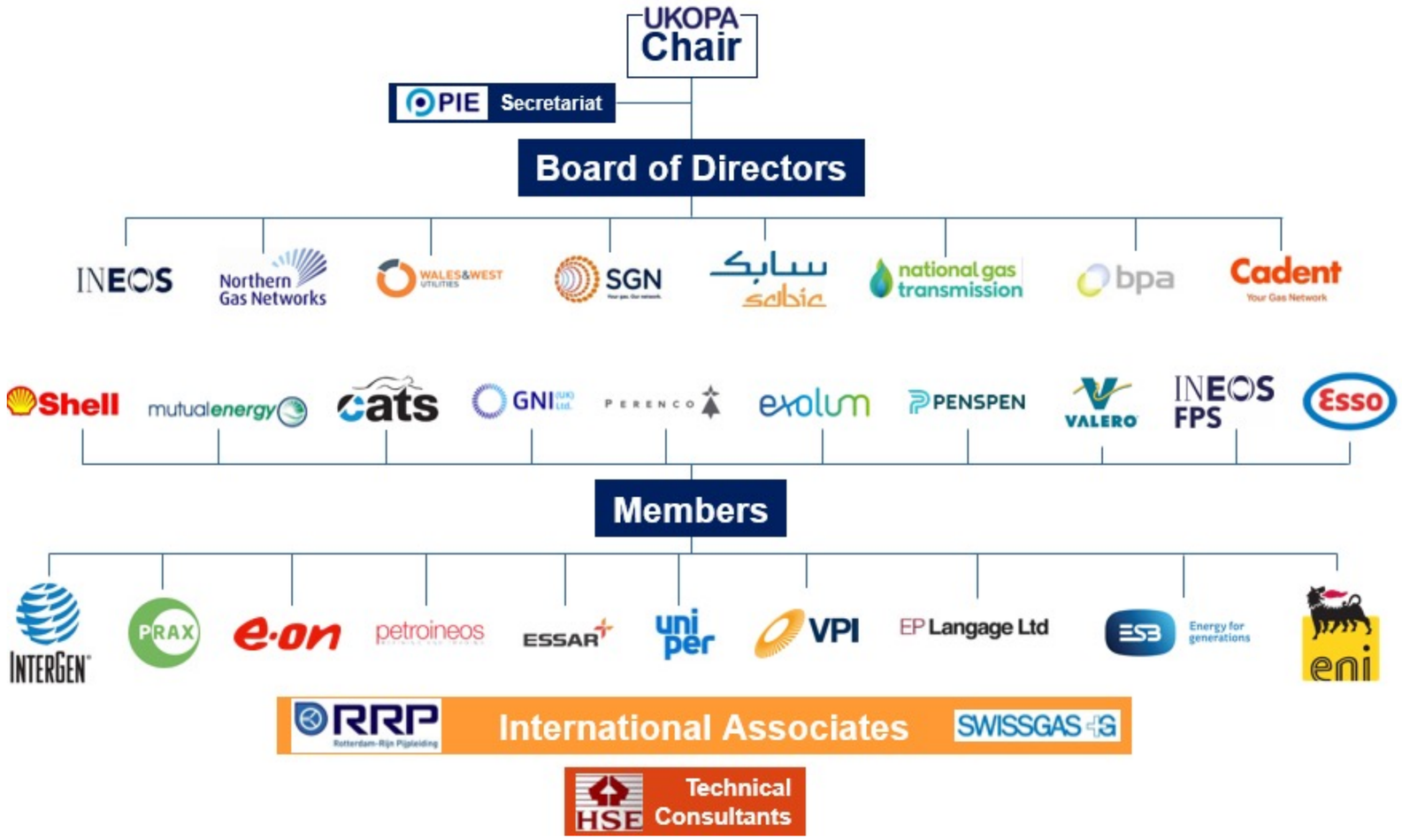

UKOPA overview

UKOPA is an industry group comprised of UK onshore pipeline operators

UKOPA exists to provide the recognised and authoritative view of UK pipeline operators on strategic issues relating to safety management, operations and integrity management of hydrocarbon pipelines. It seeks to effectively influence the development and implementation of pipeline related legislation and standards for the mutual benefit of all stakeholders

Produces Good Practice Guides and Technical Bulletins and carries out research to support the industry

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Agenda

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Agenda Day 1 – Theme of Sustainability and Resilience

#		Who
1	Welcome	Darren
2	UKOPA Board update to members	Darren
3	NUAR (National Underground Asset Repository)	Stephen Thorp, Geospatial Commission and Tim Over, Atkins
4	Methane Emissions Reduction	Matt Williams, National Gas
5	Update from Process Safety Working Group. Inc sharing of Process Safety related learning briefs	John Ferrari
	Break	
6	Governance group update	Barry Dallas
7	Drag Reducing Agent	Tim Rudd, Valero
8	Update from Fault and Risk Assessment Working Group. Inc feedback on 2021 Fault Data Report	Darren Cushen
9	External stakeholder updates (pipeline rates, etc)	Barry Dallas
10	H, S & E Issues and UKOPA Sharing	Everyone

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Agenda Day 2 – Theme of Sustainability and Resilience

#		Who
1	Welcome	Darren
2	Update from Emergency Planning and Resilience Working Group	John Madden
3	Ensuring Security of Supply. Presentation from EPRWG	John Madden
4	Update by HSE	Hazel Hancock
5	Tethered crawler inspection tools to inspect ‘non-piggable’ pipelines	Cameron Millar, Ineos FPS
6	Update from Infringement Working Group	Carl Scott
	Break	
6	Update from Pipeline Integrity Working Group	TBC
7	Update from Corrosion Prevention Working Group	Stephanie Corless
8	‘Validation of ILI performance, the importance of ILI Validation. In the energy transition to hydrogen fuels’ Tom Oldfield, Rosen (winner of YPPE Conference Paper Competition, supported by UKOPA)	Tom Oldfield, Rosen
9	Communications update	Louis Hill, Source PR
10	Board thanks, 2024 Dates and Venues of Meetings/Activities	Darren & Nikki
	Lunch at 12.30pm	

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1. UKOPA Board Update

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Board Update

February 2024 Board Meeting

UKOPA working group objectives and plans for 2024 aligned to strategy – to be shared with members

Work plan for 2024 agreed, the plans include new activity including flooding & river erosion, continued review of existing good practice guides & hazard awareness video. Working groups to share more

Inviting project collaborators to present at members meeting where the content is relevant to UKOPAs strategy and goals

HSE liaison

HSE to review communication with UKOPA where topics discussed at other industry groups e.g. gas network groups

UKOPA to identify strategic issues that may be of concern across the pipeline industry and feedback to HSE to help inform the intervention plans

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Board Update

Member update

All invoices issued for 2024 membership. Membership reduced at 29

UKOPA Finances

UKOPA spend is increasing, in 2023 we spent more than income. The membership fee has remained static at £8300 for ten years, we plan to hold at £8300 for 2025 though plan to increase in 2026 to reflect the work plan and inflation

Future events

21st / 22nd May 2024 Board and Technical Seminar – theme of Ageing assets and inspection requirements. Location RAF Museum, Telford

8th / 9th October 2024 Board and Members Meeting – theme TBC (risks to the industry including competence & succession in the industry / sharing of incidents). Location Bristol area, venue TBC