

IRF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

NOTES OF MEETING - 6 October 2011

Following the IRF summit, the IRF's members met for their 18th annual meeting, where they debated the outcome of the conference.

The overall observation was that the level of involvement during the meeting, and in its round table discussions in particular, contributed to a good-quality event. The objectives of the conference were by and large felt to have been met.

Moreover, the IRF's explicit commitment to make use of feedback from the delegates was clearly well received. The round table discussions functioned very well and added value to the conference.

Judging by informal feedback from delegates, the session on strategic IRF issues appeared to have been a success. The IRF accordingly agreed to move forward in consolidating this strategic agenda in accordance with the signals which emerged during the summit's debates.

This agenda currently focus on the following topics: BOPs, well integrity and operational issues, the use of standards and industry best practice, safety culture and leadership, performance measurement and indicators, and fitness to operate.

The members had a lengthy discussion on the current position and way forward for the IRF. Issues include an expansion in IRF membership to make the forum truly global. It was decided that a smaller group of members should draw up a discussion document outlining options for the IRF's future organisation.

It was also agreed that the remit of the IRF should be extended to include some environmental issues, but that this would be limited to response-related issues such as remote activation of BOPs and other action initiated by offshore personnel.

It was resolved that the 19th annual meeting would be hosted by ANP in Rio de Janeiro next September, and that the NOPSAs would look into the possibility of holding the next regular IRF offshore safety conference in Australia in 2013.

Meeting notes and other relevant information can be downloaded from IRF's website at <http://www.irfoffshoresafety.com/conferences/2011Summit/>

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