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The 10th anniversary Exhibition and Conference for Oil and Gas Resources Development of the Russian Arctic and CIS Continental Shelf of CIS countries RAO / CIS Offshore 2011 finished its work on September 16.

The Conference and Exhibition have lasted for four days – from 13 to 16 September on two fairgrounds – in Corinthia Hotel St. Petersburg and Mikhailovsky Manege.

The Exhibition and Conference represent a biennial event, held in St. Petersburg, and according to the words of Evgeny Velikhov, Academician of Russian Academy of Science, Secretary of the Public Chamber of Russia, «it has gained a firm place in world calendar of offshore oil and gas conferences».

This event has become a traditional meeting place for representatives of domestic and foreign companies of this branch. Results of executed work are summarized, prospects are evaluated and new technologies which should be elaborated for successful shelf development are discussed at the conference and exhibition.

This year hasn't been an exception – the business program of the Forum, including three Plenary sessions and ten issue-related roundtables, has made it possible for experts to discuss all aspects of shelf development (including underwater technologies, legal and regulatory basis, environmental and industrial safety); projects in the Northern, Far-Eastern and Southern seas. Approximately 600 delegates, representing more than 200 companies from 19 countries of the world took part in RAO / CIS Offshore 2011.

Reports of the following members have been delivered at plenary sessions of the conference:

- Evgeny Velikhov, Academician of Russian Academy of Science, Secretary of Public Chamber of the Russian Federation, President of Russian Research Centre «Kurchatov Institute»;
- Anatoly Dmitrievsky, Academician of Russian Academy of Science, Director of Oil and Gas Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Science;
- Dariya Vasilevskaya, Deputy Director of the Department of State Policy and Regulation of Geology and Subsoil Use at the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
- Vsevolod Cherepanov, Member of the Management Committee, Head of the Gas, Gas Condensate and Oil Production Department of Gazprom
- Vasily Bogoyavlensky, Deputy Director of Oil and Gas Research Institute RAS;
- Pier Nergararian, Director General of Total Razvedka Razrabotka Rossiya company;
- Jan Helge Skogen, President of Statoil ASA, Russia;
- Alexandr Mandel, Director General of Gazprom Dobycha Shelf LLC, Director General of the «Gazprom Neft Shelf» LLC;
- Yury Shamalov, Director General of LLC Gazflot;
- Christian Bukovics, Vice-President of exploration offices in Russia and the Caspian region of Shell;
- Margarita Hoffman, Managing Director of Wintershall Russland GmbH;
- Haakon Skretting, Regional Director of The Norwegian Oil and Gas Partners INTSOK
- Knut Orbeck-Nilssen, Executive Vice President, Det Norske Veritas AS and many others.

Participants of the Exhibition (Gazprom, Sevmash, Sovkomflot, Zarubezhneft, Gazflot, Total, Statoil, Siemens and Wintershall are among them) have demonstrated at the expositions their recent technical achievements and developments for the branch development, investment projects of

Russian offshore fields, the equipment and services.

On September 14, on the second day of RAO / CIS Offshore work, the official reception in «Summer palace» restaurant was organized for the participants of this event, where business communication assumed an informal character. Igor Butman Jazz Quartet performed for the guests of the banquet and the whole evening ended with a splendid firework show.

RAO / CIS Offshore was concluded by an outdoor technical seminar, which was held on board of comfortable «Kronshtadt» motor ship, heading to the Valaam island.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency for Subsoil Use, Russian Academy of Sciences, Gazprom JSC, Rosneft Oil Company, CKBN Engineering Subsidiary of Gazprom Joint, Gazprom Dobycha Shelf LLC, Gazflot LLC and RESTEC® Exhibition Company were the organizers of RAO / CIS Offshore.

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