



Sixth Annual ASPO Conference – Cork, Ireland

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The sixth annual international conference of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil & Gas (ASPO) takes place in Cork, Ireland over Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th September 2007.

The title, “Time to React”, was chosen because it resonates on two levels, the most obvious is designed to target the mainstream public for whom the concept is still quite new and generally poorly understood. The second is for the more seasoned student of Peak Oil where the focus of attention is moving from trying to predict when peak might occur to the realisation that the range of possible dates is finite and even the most optimistic forecasts suggest that our modern society faces a truly significant challenge in dealing with the phenomenon of Peak Oil.

It is also recognised that Peak Oil will occur within the context of the equally grave challenge we face from the threat of Global Warming. As Global Warming moves into mainstream consciousness we will explore the relationship between these two critical challenges.

The Conference will feature speakers who are leaders in the industry, with Dr. James Schlesinger (former US Secretary of Energy); Lord Ron Oxburgh (former Chairman of Shell UK); Herman Franssen (former Chief Economist of the International Energy Agency); and Eddie O’Connor (Chief Executive of Airtricity) already confirmed. The Conference will be attended by over 500 delegates from across the globe.

Registration is available here: <http://www.aspo-ireland.org/>

Below the fold, the provisional programme.

Speaker Profiles

Day 1

09:00	Opening	Welcome to ASPO6	ASPO Ireland
09:10	Keynote	Energy Security	Dr. James Schlesinger
Session 1		Supply: The Industry's Perspective	
09:50		Session Chair's Introduction	Jeremy Gilbert
09:55	Presentation	World Oil Reserves and Future	Ray Leonard

09:55	Presentation	Production Potential	Ray Leonard
10:25	Presentation	Upstream Constraints	Mike Rodgers
10:55 Break			
11:15	Presentation	Natural Gas	Pierre-Rene Bauquis
11:45	Panel Discussion		Eddie Walshe
			Chris Skrebowski
			James Buckee
			Gareth Roberts

12:45 Lunch

Session 2		Demand: The Economics	
13:55		Session Chair's Introduction	
14:00	Presentation	Global Energy Demand Trends	Herman Franssen
14:30	Presentation	China Syndrome	Prof. Xiongqi Pang

15:00 Break

15:20	Presentation	Market Outlook	Jeff Rubin
15:50	Panel Discussion		Richard Douthwaite
			Jim Barry
			Carlos Rossi
			David Fleming

16:50 Day 1 Wrap-up [Prof. Kjell Aleklett](#)

Day 2

9:00 Opening Welcome to Day 2 ASPO Ireland

9:05	Keynote	'Out of Oil, Into Hot Water'	Lord Ron Oxburgh
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Session 3		Risk Management & Mitigation	
9:45		Session Chair's Introduction	Jeremy Leggett
9:50	Presentation	Cuba's 'Special Period'	Dr Alfredo Curbelo
10:20	Presentation	The Nuclear Option	Dr Michael Dittmar

10:50 Break

11:10	Presentation	A Framework for Supply and Demand on a Full Planet	Nate Hagens
11:40	Panel Discussion		Matt Dempsey
			Mary Graham
			Gerard O'Neill
			Philip Walton

12:40 Lunch

Session 4		Time to React?	
13:45		Session Chair's Introduction	Eddie Hobbs

13:50	Presentation	A Local Government's Approach	Debbie Cook
14:20	Presentation	Transition Towns - catalysing responses to peak oil	Rob Hopkins
14:50	Break		
15:10	Presentation	Sustainable Solutions	Eddie O'Connor
15:40	Panel Discussion		Minister Micheál Martin TD Michael Meacher MP Minister Eamon Ryan TD The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer
16:40	Closing Remarks	Ireland's Energy Future	Minister Eamon Ryan TD
17:10		Conference Wrap-up	ASPO Ireland

And not to forget a chance to meet many of The Oil Drum staff!

ASPO is a not-for-profit organisation founded by retired oil geologist Dr Colin Campbell, now living in Ireland, with national chapters around the world and the aim of advancing awareness and understanding of the subject of 'Peak Oil'.



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