



## ASPO Conference 27-29 April Brussels, Belgium

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The [9th International ASPO Conference](#) will take place in Brussels, Belgium from 27 to 29 April 2011. Based on the theme of "European Energy Policy in an era of expensive energy" [ASPO 9](#) will cover a wide range of topics related to fossil fuel depletion. The conference will zoom in on consequences of diminishing oil exports to importing nations, the availability of natural gas, unconventional supplies of oil, gas, and coal, effects of high oil prices on the economy and agriculture, Integrating Renewable Energy Sources into the electricity grid, and European energy policy.

The conference includes over 45 speakers with talks by Oil Drum Contributors Euan Mearns and David Murphy. Conference details and the full program can be found below the fold. Detailed information is also available via the conference website [www.aspo9.be](http://www.aspo9.be)

### 9th International ASPO Conference

European Energy Policy in an era of expensive energy  
Albert Hall, Brussels, Belgium  
April 27-29, 2011

+ extra events: [April 26 Walloon Parliament](#) & May 3rd European Parliament

Early bird [registration](#) at a discount of 100 euro ends 15 March 2011.

Students can [register](#) for only 100 euro.

### Special Event - Walloon Parliament Public Meeting - Tuesday 26 April 2011

|               | What role for R&D in mitigating peak oil?   |
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| 10:00 - 10:30 | <b><u>How to valorise research on the effects of peak oil for urban planning?</u></b><br>Susan Krumdieck, University of Canterbury, New Zealand |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | <b><u>An analysis of the peak oil effects for the Walloon territory</u></b><br>Thierry Bréchet, UCL, Belgium                                    |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | <b><u>What can geographers bring to the peak oil debate? The significance of peak oil claims to international oil</u></b>                       |

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| 11:00 - 11:30 | <b><u>companies</u></b><br>Gavin Bridge, The University of Manchester, UK  |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| 12:15 - 14:00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |
|               | <b>Peakoil and Finance</b>   |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | <b><u>The Financial Crisis and Oil Shocks</u></b><br>Speaker to be Announced   |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | <b><u>Effects of Triple Digit Oil Prices on the Economy</u></b><br>Jeff Rubin, Author, Former Chief Economist Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | <b><u>Potential Impacts of Peak Oil on Financial Markets</u></b><br>Erik Townsend, Former CEO of the Cushing Group, Private Investor             |

## Day 1 - Wednesday 27 April 2011

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| 08:00 - 09:00 | Registration of Participants  |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | <b>Opening of the Conference</b>  |
|               | Dr. Colin Campbell, ASPO Honorary Chairman  |
|               | Philippe Henry - Belgian Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Mobility of the Walloon Region  |
| 09:30 - 12:30 | <b>Global Overview on Oil, Gas, &amp; Coal Supplies</b>   |
|               | <b><u>The ASPO Perspective on Fossil Fuels</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Kjell Aleklett, Professor at Uppsala University Sweden and President ASPO                       |
|               | <b><u>Global Energy Assessment</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced   |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
|               | Coffee Break  |
|               | <b><u>Climate Change and Fossil Fuel Depletion</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Professor at Université catholique de Louvain and Vice-chair IPCC |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b><br>Session Speakers + Panel Contributor Dr. Colin Campbell, honorary chairman of ASPO   |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break   |
| 13:30 - 15:00 | <b>Parallel Session Track A: Natural Gas Supply and</b>   |

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| 13:30 - 15:30 | <b>Demand</b>   |
|               | <b><u>The Growing Role of Non-Gazprom Producers in Russia to 2030</u></b><br>Dr. James Henderson, Lambert Energy Advisory                             |
|               | <b><u>Norwegian Natural Gas Prospects</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|               | <b><u>Caspian and Middle East natural gas: Trade, geopolitics and international politics</u></b><br>Dr. Mert Bilgin, Bahçeşehir University Turkey     |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | <b>Parallel Session Track B: Alternative Energy Sources</b>   |
|               | <b><u>Renewable Energy Pathways to 2050</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|               | <b><u>Renewable Energy Costs, Potential, Barriers</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Aviel Verbruggen, University of Antwerp  |
|               | <b><u>Which Renewable Energy Strategies not to select</u></b><br>Dr. Jørgen Henningsen, Senior Consultant European Policy Centre                      |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break  |
| 16:00 - 18:00 | <b>Parallel Session Track A: Frontier Fossil Fuels</b>  |
|               | <b><u>Subsalt and Deepwater Oil</u></b><br>Dr. Ir. Jean-Marie Masset, Former TOTAL Senior VP Geoscience   |
|               | <b><u>The economic prospects for Shale Gas</u></b><br>Ir. Jean-Marie Bourdair   |
|               | <b><u>Underground Coal Gasification</u></b><br>Julie Lauder, CEO, UCG Association (UCGA)  |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 16:00 - 18:00 | <b>Parallel Session Track B: The European Electricity Grid</b>  |
|               | <b><u>Integrating Renewable Energy Sources in the Electricity Grid</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Henrik Lund, Aalborg University Denmark                       |
|               | <b><u>DESERTEC: Solar electricity for Africa &amp; Europe</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|               | <b><u>Progress in Electrical Energy Storage Systems</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Yulong Ding, Institute of Particle Science & Engineering University of Leeds |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 18:00 - 18:10 | <b>Closing address of day 1</b>   |

**Day 2 - Thursday 28 April 2011**

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| 08:00<br>09:00 | - | Registration of Participants / Coffee and tea  |
| 09:00<br>10:30 | - | <b>Long Term Perspectives on Energy &amp; Industrial Civilisation</b>  |
|                |   | <b><u>Effects of triple digit oil prices on the economy</u></b><br>Jeff Rubin, Author, Former CIBC Chief Economist                     |
|                |   | <b><u>The Energy Costs to Produce Energy</u></b><br>Dr. David Murphy, State University of New York                                     |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>  |
| 10:30<br>11:00 | - | Coffee Break   |
| 11:00<br>12:40 | - | <b>Short Term Oil Market &amp; Economic Developments</b>   |
|                |   | <b><u>Crude Oil Price Forecast and Investment/Hedging Strategies</u></b><br>Erik Townsend, private investor, former CEO Cushing Group  |
|                |   | <b><u>Short term Outlook for Oil, Demand, Spare Capacity, Oil Projects</u></b><br>Chris Skrebowski, Peak Consulting                    |
|                |   | <b><u>Economic Developments and Oil Production</u></b><br>Ir. Jean-Luc Wingert, ASPO France  |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>  |
| 12:40<br>13:40 | - | Lunch  |
| 13:40<br>15:40 | - | <b>Track A: European Energy Policy</b>   |
|                |   | <b><u>Peak Oil, Climate Change, and Energy Policy</u></b><br>Dr. Euan Mearns, University of Aberdeen and The Oil Drum                  |
|                |   | <b><u>Mobility after Peak Oil in Europe</u></b><br>Jörg Schindler, member of Energy Watch Group and ASPO Germany                       |
|                |   | <b><u>Material Scarcity and its effect on Energy Solutions</u></b><br>Dr. Derk Bol, Program Manager Materials Innovation Institute M2I |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>  |
| 13:40<br>15:40 | - | <b>Track B: The Relation between Energy and Agriculture</b>  |
|                |   | <b><u>Opening by the Belgian Walloon Minister of Agriculture</u></b>   |

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|                |   | <b><u>Food, Energy, and Society</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced   |
|                |   | <b><u>Towards a Truly Sustainable Agriculture</u></b><br>Dr. Wes Jackson, President of The Land Institute                        |
|                |   | <b><u>Biomass as a source of materials</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>  |
| 15:40<br>16:10 | - | Coffee Break   |
| 16:10<br>18:10 | - | <b>Track A: Energy, Transport, and Materials modeling</b>  |
|                |   | <b><u>Modelling Costs and Material Requirements for Solar Energy</u></b><br>Ir. Niels van Loon, TNO Industrial Innovation, Solar |
|                |   | <b><u>The impacts of Energy Resource Availability on the Future Energy System</u></b><br>Dr. Alban Kitous, Enerdata              |
|                |   | <b><u>Modeling European Transport</u></b><br>Dr. Michael Krail, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovations Research ISI    |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b><br>Session Speakers + Panel Contributor Dr. Susan Krumdieck, University of Canterbury          |
|                |   | Coffee Break   |
| 16:10<br>18:10 | - | <b>Track B: European Policy on Food Security &amp; Biofuels</b>  |
|                |   | <b><u>Feeding the world in the 21st century</u></b><br>Dr. Christian Annton Smedshaug, Senior Advisor Norwegian Farmer's Union   |
|                |   | <b><u>Integrating Energy, Biofuel, and Food Policies</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|                |   | <b><u>European Bio-energy Targets</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced   |
|                |   | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>  |
| 18:10<br>18:20 | - | <b>Closing address of day 2</b>  |
| 18:30<br>20:30 | - | <b>Conference Reception</b>  |

## Day 3 - Friday 29 April

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| 09:00 - 10:50 | <b>Oil Export Changes and Energy Policy</b>   |
|               | <b><u>Oil Export Changes and their effects on oil producing countries</u></b><br>Prof. Dr. Paul Stevens, Chatham House                                  |
|               | <b><u>Oil Export Changes and Energy Policy</u></b><br>Darren Bezdek, MISI Energy Director   |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 10:50 - 11:15 | Coffee Break  |
| 11:15 - 13:05 | <b>Energy Security of European Oil Supply</b>   |
|               | <b><u>Australian Policies to deal with Oil Supply Constraints</u></b><br>Bruce Robinson, Convenor ASPO Australia  |
|               | <b><u>A view from the EU parliament</u></b><br>Ir. Philippe Lamberts, co-President European Green Party & EU Parliament Member for the Greens/EFA group |
|               | <b><u>A view from the EU commission</u></b><br>Speaker to be announced  |
|               | <b><u>Discussion, Q&amp;A</u></b>   |
| 13:05 - 13:15 | <b>Conference closing address</b>   |
| 13:30 - 15:00 | General Assembly of ASPO at the Albert Hall   |



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