

Istanbul, March 15, 2020

Dear colleagues,

Till the first days of this year, I have been thinking to discontinue our MWWD Conference after 10 events in 20 years for a sum of unforeseen reasons.

However, who has been with us since the start has been pushing and, on the other hand, I did not feel comfortable to miss the occasion to have our bi-annual meeting, reviving our contacts and adding new ones to discuss on the marine pipeline engineering.

It has needed some time also to decide on the location, due to the troubled situation around the world.

You will see in the leaflet here - and in the opening pages of the web - that we have opted to hold MWWD 2020 in Istanbul at Double Tree Hilton Moda on 19-22 October.

The outbreak of Covid-19 has forced us to think over on what to do, but it seems that likely by October we will be able to regain our safe mobility.

It has been decided therefore to maintain in principle the conference date as planned.

If by August there will be still uncertainties on the resumption of normal work and travel conditions, we have considered the option to delay the conference to a later date - maybe February-March 2021.

I launch today formally the 11th MWWD Conference.

I am confident in your understanding about the late start, knowing that I am obliging you to rush the proposal and preparation of your papers. The theme is "Marine Pipeline Engineering" which includes, naturally, construction, protection, operation, maintenance and all correlated subjects.

In this uneasy situation, pls. do in any case your best to be ready for October.

I count on your positive reply to the Call.

As Airlines, hotels, event organizers state "we will monitor attentively the situation" - I add only "let's be cautiously optimistic".

Kind regards

