



Brian's Brief

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Dear Members

I would like to report on the progress we are making with our Bid to host the 2013 World Energy Congress in Durban.

We submitted our bid on time during the last week of April. Denmark and South Korea have also submitted bids. The bids were interrogated by the Finance Committee of the WEC and there were a number of questions to answer and they seem to be satisfied with our responses.

At the moment we are in the lobbying phase. South Korea is taking a very aggressive line and is attempting to travel around the world for meetings with each of the 93 Member Committees. Denmark and most certainly ourselves, do not have the resources to embark on such an intense campaign. We are taking a more conservative approach and are writing letters, sending our brochures and meeting with WEC Colleagues at WEC meetings.

I visited Spain and Romania during June 2008 and also met with Dutch, French and Italian representatives at these meetings. In July 2008 I travelled to NanNing in southern China for an Asia Regional meeting where I met representatives from China, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Japan and the Phillipines.

Next week (27 – 29 August 2008) we are hosting the Africa Regional meeting in Durban but this will be sparsely attended as most African members are saving what resources they have for the Executive Assembly in Mexico.

During September 2008 I will go to the WEC Conference in London where I have been able to set up meetings with delegates from Indonesia, New Zealand, and United Kingdom. I am hoping to also meet delegates from Latin America at the London meeting. In October 2008 there is a Europe Regional meeting in Turkey.

The first week of November 2008 will be one of intense activity when we all meet in Mexico City for the Executive Assembly.

- 3 & 4 November is a joint meeting of the North America and Latin America regions where I will present our bid and will talk to delegates
- 5 November we will meet the Finance Committee
- 6 November we meet the Officers Council.
- We are also hosting an evening reception for the EA Delegates on 6 November 2008

Friday, 7 November 2008 is the Executive Assembly meeting where we will have 20 minutes to make a final presentation and then the delegates will vote. By Friday evening the outcome will be known.

If you have good material on South Africa as a destination of choice or are inclined

to support our final effort in Mexico in other ways please do not hesitate to contact me. We would also welcome a contribution towards the costs of hosting the reception on 6 November 2008.

Kind Regards

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