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Hart Energy Publishing's IFQC Addresses OPEC Meeting in Vienna

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (January 23, 2006) - - - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) called upon International Fuel Quality Center (IFQC) expert Sandrine Dixson-Decleve to be the opening panelist during last week's workshop on *Fuel Demand Modeling in the Transportation Sector*.

This meeting marks the first time that OPEC has met to address the challenges facing the fuel and transportation sector. Bringing nearly two decades of research and analysis of international fuel developments and air quality initiatives, Dixson-Decleve gave OPEC delegates a revealing overview of global fuel policy and market trends during the day-long workshop's first session.

As Hart's IFQC Director of European and African Affairs, Dixson-Decleve is an established leader in her field. A key founding member of the United Nations Partnership for Clean Fuels & Vehicles, her knowledge of industry also led to an advisory post with the Vietnam government to author their fuel quality guidelines in 2005. Prior to joining the International Fuel Quality Center, she wrote the final version of the EU Fuel Quality Specifications with the support of the European Parliament, which led to the passing of two major Directives.

"It truly was an honor to represent the International Fuel Quality Center at this meeting,"

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she said. "OPEC gives so much to the global marketplace, being such a major player in the international oil market. I'm pleased to be able to support their efforts and was honored to open the first session."

The day-long meeting also focused on future technologies, hybrid automotive developments, sustainable energy and international models to support long-term fuel demand.

Celebrating its 40th year, OPEC is home to 11 member countries and seeks to stabilize oil prices for its producing countries and its consumers. Working in tandem with its members and multinational governments at international meetings, workshops and through its publications, OPEC strikes a balance between supporting eco-friendly policies and supporting the economic development of emerging nations.

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