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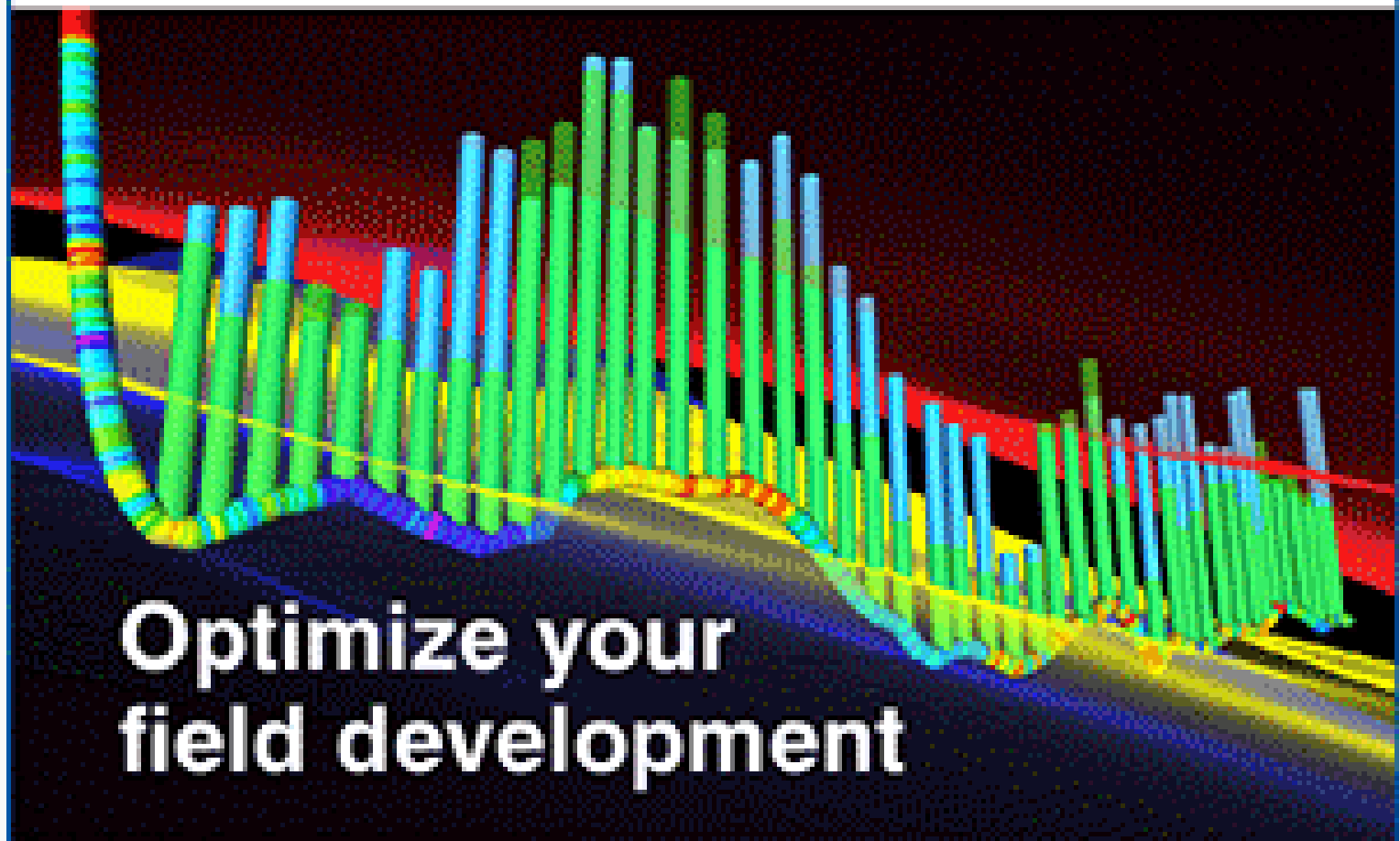
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PETROLEUM CONGRESS BY A. A. MUSTON (*) CHAPTER I General Introduction In 1952, the Permanent Council of the World Petroleum Congress accepted Italy's offer of hospitality for the Fourth World Petroleum Congress and in the first months of the same year, the Unione Petrolifera, an association including nearly all the Italian Petroleum Companies, set out to consider the various problems of organization arising out of this decision. The first of these organizational problems were overcome and the Unione Petrolifera was able to raise, among other things, a guarantee fund, sufficient to cover the expenses of the Congress, from within its own membership. In 1953, after several preliminary meetings held at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the General Organizing Committee, which represented the cultural, industrial and commercial elements of the petroleum industry in the country, met on 16th April to lay down the general outline of the program. At this meeting, and at those held later, various Committees were formed to deal with the specialized functions that would be attributed to the General Secretariat. Five Committees were created: the Technical Committee, the Editorial Committee, the Hotel Accommodation, Reception and Tourist Committee, the Press and Publicity Committee and the Financial Committee. The composition of these Committees is shown on page 16 of this Volume. These Committees met in Rome. Only the Secretariat of the Technical Committee continued to work in Milan at the Stazione Sperimentale per i Combustibili (Experimental Fuel Centre). In addition to these five Committees, an Executive Committee was set up, composed of the Chairmen and the Vice-chairmen of the General Organizing Committee and the Chairmen of the five Committees mentioned above and other members elected from the Organizing Committee itself. The Executive Committee was given the task of co-ordinating the work of the specialized Committees and of taking decisions on any problems concerning it, as they arose. The General Secretariat, which was the executive body of the General Organizing Committee and which took over the work of the Unione Petrolifera, was set up and began to function at the beginning of October 1953. When the necessary formalities had been completed and the relative Decree graciously signed by the President of the Republic on 27th March 1954, the General Organizing Committee was recognized as an artificial person and became, thus, legally competent, under Italian law, to enter on its full functions. A. National Committees and Delegations i. National Committees In accordance with the common practice at all International Congresses, contacts were made with the cultural and technical organs of the petroleum industry in every country, in the hope of securing an adequate response for the setting up of Nati

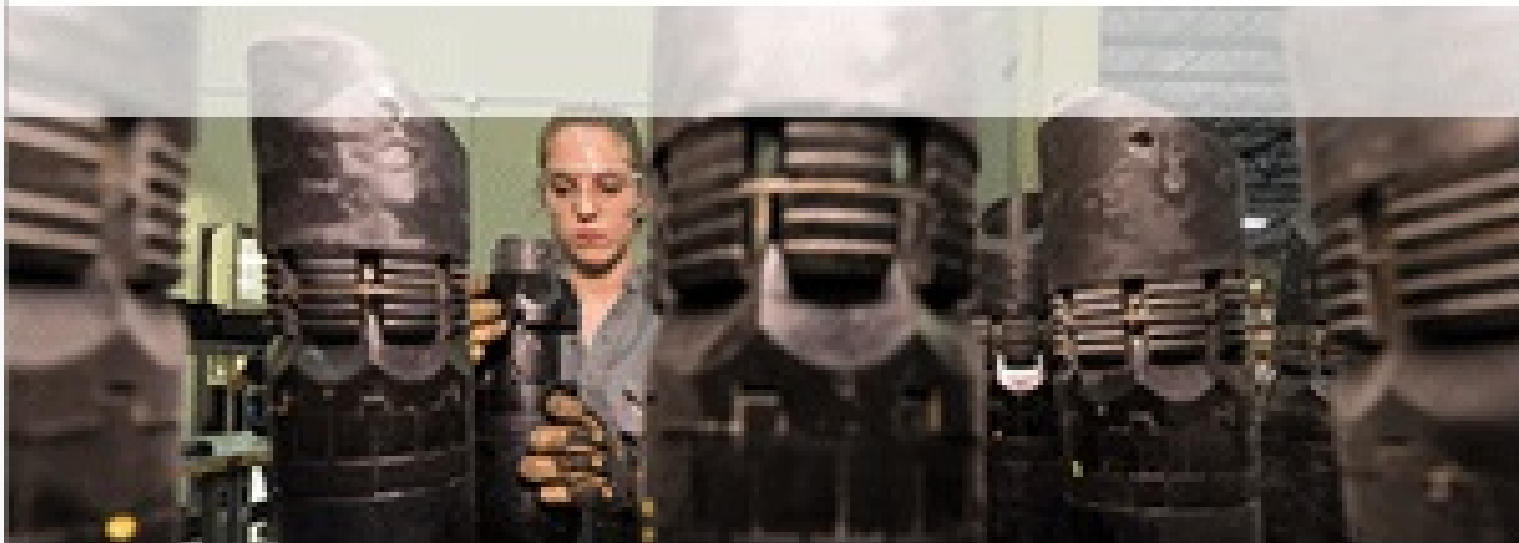
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