

THE FIFTH BAKU INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The Fifth Baku International Congress held by the International Ecoenergy Academy on 21-24 September, 1999 provided the forum for discussion and dissemination of the latest knowledge in energy efficiency and renewable energy resources utilization, environmental impact of oil-gas fields development on the Caspian Sea and Absheron peninsula. A wide range of subjects covered the recommendations on environment protection, legislative and regulatory documents, etc. A full Congress programme included visiting scientific and high-educational institutes, museums, and historic sites of Baku city and also a variety of cultural events. Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Tacis Coordinating Unit in Azerbaijan, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic, "Azerenerji" JSC, Clean Energy Research Institute of USA and "Gunesh" Scientific-Manufacturing Association participated in the Congress organization.

The 5th Congress participants laid flowers on the graves of National Heroes (Shehids) before the Congress opening

Opening of the 5th Baku International Congress "Energy, Ecology, Economy" in Gulistan Palace (left to right: E. Murat (UN resident coordinator), T.N. Veziroglu (director of US Clean Energy Research Institute), N. Aliyev (president of State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic), F. Aliyev (president of International Ecoenergy Academy, chairman of the Congress), D. Woodward (president of BP Amoco company), E. Tresselt (vice-president of Statoil company), F. SchwalbeHoth (Tacis Coordinating Unit) and W. Chandler (director for advanced international studies of the US Pacific North-West National Laboratory)).

The Congress Opening Ceremony was attended by leaders of the related government ministries, companies and institutions, resident-representative of UN and ambassadors of foreign countries (US, Norway, Iran, Georgia, Libya) to Azerbaijan.

More than 95 scientists and specialists from advanced scientific centers of USA, Great Britain, Norway, Spain, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Georgia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan participated in the Fifth Baku International Congress. More than 300 reports were presented. Speakers from foreign companies including BP Amoco, ExxonMobil, Pennzoil, Lukoil, Statoil, Chevron, Kvaerner, Texaco, Elf as well as from scientific-research institutes of the republic and foreign countries delivered interesting lectures at plenary and technical sessions.

A view of the meeting hall at Gulistan Palace

The open parliamentary meeting and sectional meeting of the 5th International Congress

Taking into account the high intellectual potential, scientific and organisational capacities of the International Ecoenergy Academy, the Fifth International Congress "Energy, Ecology, Economy", in its resolution, set up a number of objectives for the International Ecoenergy Academy, which can be achieved under the auspices and with direct assistance and support of International Organisations.

According to the established tradition, starting from 1991 International Ecoenergy Academy held International Baku Congress "Energy, Ecology, Economy" ones in 2 years.