First of all, I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year for 2016. I hope you are looking forward to NDR2016 in San Antonio, Texas in March.

This shortened newsletter is specifically designed to update you on the upcoming NDR2016 meeting and covers:

- An update of where we are
- An outline of the conference
- Our latest thoughts on the breakout sessions
- Our latest thoughts on the country reports
- And finally some thoughts on what happens next.

Stewart Robinson
NDR2016 Meeting Update

NDR2016 will be held at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas on March 21-23, 2016. For more information about the meeting, please visit the NDR2016 website register NOW. If you have any problems, if you need a letter of invitation or if you have any questions, please contact Melissa Ray at melissa.ray@energistics.org.

San Antonio is a wonderful city in which to host this meeting. The Alamo is an iconic, historical site and the hotel chosen to host the conference is located on the famous Riverwalk. Aside from enjoying the conference, we will ensure you leave San Antonio having enjoyed some of the local hospitality.

Outline of the Conference

These meetings are more of a set of working sessions than a typical conference of presentations. We do ask people to talk about what is going on in their particular oil provinces but we do it in an informal way. We also look at specific topics in detail during breakout sessions. Both of these are covered in the sections below. Given the current state of the oil and gas industry worldwide, we are particularly excited that now could be the time for the breakout topic which aims to establish a “Body of Knowledge for NDRs”.

The main purpose of these meetings is to provide an environment in which Regulators who are responsible for data associated with oil and gas exploration can meet their peers in an informal environment. It is almost certain that someone else is doing the same thing as you, has the same problems or has already solved them. My experience is that people are very helpful and willing to collaborate but the informal links set up at NDR meetings are especially useful.

With this in mind, we think the cultural program is very important and a hotel that allows delegates to network is essential. We have planned ice breakers and breakout sessions to allow new contacts to be made and old ones renewed.
Breakout Sessions

We know from feedback from previous conferences that delegates identify that they gain real benefits from the breakouts but we need to ensure the topics chosen are relevant. To that end, we spent significant time trying to choose the topics. We have taken account the comments from the previous conference and results from the Energistics survey, and we hope that you find the various breakouts stimulating and useful.

For complete details of the breakout sessions, please visit the Energistics website.

Country Reports

In Baku, we tried to group country reports into generic sections and asked countries to talk about specific issues. In parallel, we asked them to update their technical sheets about their province which we store on the Energistics website. We intend to do this time and at the moment we have the following generic areas:

- Legacy data problems
- Standards life cycle
- Management and staffing
- General update (mostly for new attendees or if regulators have made major changes).

Once you have decided to attend, think about your country report. Stewart Robinson will contact you to settle on a topic.

What Happens Next

First of all, REGISTER AS A DELEGATE.

Then BOOK YOUR HOTEL.

Wait for Stewart Robinson to contact you to talk about your report.

See you in San Antonio!