We wish all readers of the INOGATE Newsletter a Happy, Successful and Energy-Efficient New Year!

New INOGATE Web Portal
The INOGATE web portal has been relaunched in a new and more user-friendly format. The front page now features easy links to INOGATE events and regional energy news, and an interactive map of the INOGATE Partner Countries enabling readers to go straight to country information. Links to documents are now more straightforward, with no intervening pages delaying access to information. New features will be added to the web portal during the year. We hope you will enjoy using the new web portal—please let us have your comments or opinions.

INOGATE Technical Secretariat at the Oil and Gas Forum, Kiev, 2-4 November 2010
As in previous years the INOGATE Technical Secretariat had a stand manned by ITS staff throughout the Kiev Oil and Gas Forum 2010, disseminating information about the INOGATE Programme and its projects. Over 200 visitors came to the stand and in addition ITS staff had conversations with companies and organisations associated with past and ongoing INOGATE projects (both exhibitors and visitors).

Workshop on Regulatory Implications of District Heating, Kiev, Ukraine, 3-4 December 2010
The INOGATE project ‘Capacity Building for Sustainable Energy Regulation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia’ held an important workshop on ‘Regulatory Implications of District Heating’ in Kiev in December, attracting 60 participants from across the INOGATE regions. Whilst district heating is a major element of energy consumption in INOGATE Partner countries, it is also frequently highly inefficient. The many presentations from this workshop are all available for download from the INOGATE website, including case studies from the EU and from INOGATE Partner countries. Click here to see live video extracts from the workshop!

Workshop on Low voltage EU/IEC Standards, Chisinau, Moldova 9-10 December 2010
The INOGATE ‘Harmonisation of Electricity Standards’ project held technical workshops in Chisinau on two pilot voltage standards, high and low (EN 50160 (2007) and EN 50341-1 (2001)), preselected by the Project Technical Group members. At the meeting EU experts shared their know-how on these European/IEC standards with the officials of 10 partner countries responsible for participation in standardization activities and specializing in high and low voltage equipment. Detailed discussion and questioning at the workshops has helped to lay the foundations for adoption of these standards by Partner Countries.

Closing Conference of the EPMOGI Project, Almaty, 14-15 December 2010
The final conference of the INOGATE EPMOGI (Enhancement of environmental protection measures in the oil and gas industry of Central Asia) project took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 14th-15th December 2010. The project’s achievements were presented to thirty representatives of the participating countries. This included presentations of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects under the Kyoto Protocol Mechanism, ground-breaking research on environmental monitoring of off-shore operations, and reports on environmental protection actions in all participating countries. Newsletters of EPMOGI and other documentation relating to the project are downloadable from the INOGATE website; more documentation can be found at the EPMOGI website.

Last call for Applications under SEMISE's Ad Hoc Expert Facility: Deadline 28/2/2011
The SEMISE project's Ad Hoc Expert Facility (AHEF) has been providing small-scale technical assistance to INOGATE Partner Countries in the areas of energy market convergence and sustainable energy. Having received over 70 applications from the Partner Countries, the SEMISE project has been able to provide expert support to a significant number of the eligible applications. Now as the AHEF facility must complete its assignments by 31/12/2011, the SEMISE project invites all Partner Countries to send any last applications by 28/2/2011 using the application form found in the updated set of Guidelines. For more information, please contact the SEMISE project: “Energy Market Convergence” e-mail: aantonenko@inogate.org; “Sustainable Energy” e-mail: a.lytvynenko@inogate.org.

Forthcoming INOGATE Events
- ‘Harmonization of Electricity Standards’ - Final Conference, Kiev 8 February 2011
- ‘Support to Kyoto Protocol Implementation’ (SKPI) - National Workshop on Climate Change, Azerbaijan 8 February 2011
- SKPI Regional Workshop on Energy Efficiency Policy, Tbilisi 11 February 2011
- The next INOGATE Working Group Meetings will be held in Kiev on 16-17 May 2011

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