

# IAEE ENERGY FORUM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IAEE members, it is with great pleasure that as 2025's president I write my first message in The Energy Forum. I have been a member of IAEE since 1998 and as I start to write this message a fast replay of my IAEE journey comes to my mind. It is not an exaggeration for me to say that IAEE has been a pillar of my professional career. It was at IAEE conferences that I was able to keep up with the energy economics agenda. That's where I made most of my international networking.



My first experience in IAEE's Council was between 2008 and 2012 when I served as VP for Academic Affairs. I came back to the Council in 2023, and I can tell you that the association was very different. IAEE was severely hit by the pandemic, as were all businesses based on network and traveling. These difficult times coincided with the transition in the IAEE's management due to the retirement of David Williams, who was a bastion of IAEE management for more than 20 years. Therefore, the Council together with all the Acting Presidents had to assume a more central role in IAEE's management.

I had the pleasure of being part of this collective effort to change the way IAEE is managed and to create strategies to allow the association's recovery. As I started my presidency, I can tell you that I feel very confident and comfortable with IAEE's outlook. This is because there is a lot of work from my predecessors that has paved the way to IAEE's recovery.

IAEE now has a strategic plan with a clear direction for development. The main vision of this strategy is to create value for our members. IAEE management is revisiting all of its activities to see how to increase value for our members and affiliates. One important investment in this direction is the complete overhaul of our website. IAEE is investing in a new website aimed at creating new functions focusing on members networking and easy access to information. We also plan to invest in technology and tools to help affiliates organize their activities such as workshops and seminars. In relation to publications, we have now completed the transition of The Energy Journal to Sage Publishing. This transition was not an easy one, but now we are totally operational, and we can see that the journal is growing fast in terms of submissions and quality.

It is important to emphasize that the role of IAEE is to promote international cooperation and networking in the field of energy economics. In times of growing geopolitical competition, conflicts, and political polarization, this role becomes even more relevant. It is important to remember that IAEE is an independent and neutral organization. We do not take positions on any political issue nor endorse any candidates, parties, or public policy proposals. That's why IAEE's events are a neutral and wholly non-partisan forum for all energy professionals to discuss ideas based on scientific methods and facts. We believe that, in times when social media's reels are dominating the political and policy debate, IAEE can make all the difference to qualify the discussions on energy economics.

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I want to finish this message by calling members' attention to our international conference in Paris next June. This conference is poised to be one of the best in IAEE's history both in terms of attendance and quality. The Paris Conference received more than 800 abstract proposals, and early registrations confirm my expectations. So, I hope to see you in Paris next June.

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IAEE President



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