

CIGRÉ Value: Global Perspectives, Networks, Understanding and Expertise



Join the U.S. National Committee of CIGRÉ –
The International Council for Large Electric Systems

Why CIGRÉ?

CIGRÉ is a worldwide, non-profit association of more than 6,500 professionals in 90 countries engaged in power system engineering for generation, transmission and distribution. Headquartered in Paris, CIGRÉ brings these professionals together through a variety of symposia and technical conferences around the world. The U.S. National Committee provides the coordination of U.S. members of CIGRÉ, from working group participation to sponsorship of local conferences.

How is CIGRÉ Organized?

The heart of CIGRÉ's organization is its individual and collective (corporate or institutional) members. In the U.S., these members are supported by the U.S. National Committee. CIGRÉ's activities are governed by a hierarchy of a President, Treasurer, Technical Committee Chair and Secretary General. These individuals, along with others appointed by the USNC, form a Steering Committee and an Administrative Council. The Technical Committee organizes and conducts CIGRÉ's technical activities.

Membership Benefits

Members have access to over 6,000 references on CIGRÉ's web site www.e-cigre.org, which contains papers and proceedings of sessions and symposia as well as technical brochures based on the work of the Study Committees. All members get the bimonthly journal, ELECTRA, with technical articles and reports from the working groups and study committees. CIGRÉ's membership directory – available on CD-ROM – provides a link to all members and is an essential tool for extending professional contacts.

“CIGRÉ provides American Electric Power access to practical high-voltage solutions to today's problems.”

Mike Heyeck
Senior Vice President,
Transmission
American Electric Power



“CIGRÉ provides a forum for understanding the issues facing system operators around the world.”

Terry Boston
Chief Executive Officer
PJM Interconnection



“CIGRÉ is where the next generation of engineers will engage in best in (world) class technologies that impact our industry.”

**Michael E. Beehler,
PE, F. ASCE**
Associate Vice President
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc.



CIGRÉ Conferences and Symposia

CIGRÉ convenes its Biennial Session in Paris in even numbered years, bringing together more than 2,600 participants who present more than 400 papers. It is a unique opportunity to network among peers as well as to exchange information with the best experts, top managers, decision makers, professors, government representatives and engineers from around the world. An international technical exhibition draws more than 100 exhibitors and 1,000 visitors to complement the biennial session's topics.

There are several other international symposia as well with hundreds of delegates each on critical topics for the industry. The USNC hosts meetings in the United States for its members with international participation.

CIGRÉ Membership Creates New Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- Access to the latest CIGRÉ technical information through www.e-cigre.org.
- An area reserved for members on the CIGRÉ web site www.cigre.org.
- Many services, information and links with CIGRÉ national committees and study committees, which organize regional meetings and local events.
- Opportunity to participate in technical work and exchange programs, including CIGRÉ working groups and study committees, which include about 2,000 experts.
- Opportunities to present papers to sessions and symposia.

Collective, or Corporate, Memberships

Besides individual memberships, it is also possible for organizations to join CIGRÉ through a Collective membership, often referred to as a "corporate membership" in the U.S. There are a number of important benefits to the collective membership for companies and their employees:

- Access to practical, applied knowledge from around the world
- A network of the world's leading technical experts
- Technical and professional development with a significant international perspective
- Exposure to diverse regulatory frameworks, institutional arrangements and governments that influence and shape the global electricity infrastructure.
- Corporate members can duplicate CIGRÉ documents for use within their organization.

Through its membership, each company has a member at large who serves on the Executive Committee to the U.S. National Committee. Corporate member dues support the administration of CIGRÉ.

How to Join:

- For additional information on the USNC, including individual or corporate (collective) membership, visit the USNC web page at <http://cigre-usnc.tamu.edu>.
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