International fairs

23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition
September 01 – 05, 2008
Valencia, Spain

The conference takes place at the Feria Valencia. The 23rd European Conference in this series will be one of the most important international conferences in the field of Photovoltaics. The five-day conference programme will be accompanied by Fora and Workshops on present-day PV issues and the 5th European PV Industry Forum. The accompanying four-days Industrial Exhibition will attract 650 companies and solar organisations and 15,000 expected visitors from around the world. The exhibition running alongside the conference provides a showcase for the technology and service providers for the whole value chain from basic materials to end-products. The visit of the exhibition is free of charge.

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Husum WindEnergy
September 09 – 13, 2008
Husum, Germany

Husum WindEnergy has become not only one of the world’s largest and most important trade fair events in the international wind energy sector calendar, but also one of the most important meeting places for all the industry’s stakeholders and decision makers. This year the international wind energy trade fair is being held in Husum for the eleventh time. It has continued to grow since its inception in 1989 and an end to this growth is not foreseeable. This year you can expect around 700 exhibitors from 35 countries who will be showcasing their products and services. The fair also offers a top-class parallel congress which lives from the diversity of its hosts. The event has always been an accurate indicator of the development of this still young industry. It has developed into a highly professional branch of the economy which has repeatedly managed to react to the increasing demands with new solutions. Husum WindEnergy is one of the most important platforms for the presentation of innovations worldwide.

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10th Renewable Energy Finance Forum
London
September 15 – 16, 2008
London, UK

The Renewable Energy Finance Forum (REFF) London is one of Europe’s largest and best-established events for renewable energy finance and investment. The 10th edition of the conference will unite investors with project developers and senior executives from across the renewable energy and technology sectors, to provide delegates with cutting-edge insight as well as unparalleled networking opportunities. As in the last few years, REFF-London 2008 will also feature the Global Euromoney and Ernst & Young Renewable Energy Awards, celebrating excellence in renewable energy finance, which will enable the visitors to cast their votes in a variety of categories to device the 2008 award winners.

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Algae Biofuel Summit
September 17 – 19, 2008
New Delhi, India

Similar to plants, algae converts solar energy, CO2 & water to valuable chemical energy via photosynthesis. This chemical energy is stored in algae as lipid oils and can be converted into biodiesel. Algae Farming Technologies could allow companies to capture and recycle emitted CO2 from flue gases and even earn a profit from being “green”. These promising technologies shall be showcased at Algae Biofuel Summit 2008. More than US$ 5 billion have been committed in Algae research by venture funds and large companies. Algae farming can be done in waste land using saline water and shall not displace croplands currently used for food crops. Participating in the summit is an easy way to learn in great depth about algae biodiesel. The three day summit shall provide all the essential info to jump start in this futuristic industry.

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IFAT China 2008
September 23 – 25, 2008
Shanghai, China

Since its first edition in 2004, IFAT China has become a comprehensive trade fair for practical solutions in the areas of water supply, sewage treatment, waste disposal, recycling, air pollution control, environmental technology and more environmentally compatible energy sources in Asia. For 2008, the concept behind the fair has been altered in order to provide a concentrated platform for the international environment industry. The focus will be even more strongly on the search for global environmental solutions. The concentration into three days will ensure increased communication density to find out about the latest innovations in environmental technology and pave the way for new business.

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2nd US Carbon Finance Forum
September 24 – 25, 2008
New York City, USA

This year’s US Carbon Finance Forum promises to provide cutting-edge insight into this market and unparalleled networking opportuni-

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ties. The event will unite investors with representatives from finance, industry and government bodies, to examine how carbon legislation will affect stakeholders in the US, and to identify existing opportunities in carbon markets worldwide. The 2nd US Carbon Finance Forum highlights include more than 30 high level speakers from finance, industry, government, and international organisations, crucial foundations for a US cap-and-trade market, the actions of the pre-compliance market to reduce carbon exposure, carbon trading and the transition to a full suite of carbon products, and extensive networking opportunities during lunches and refreshment breaks. For the first time this year the event will offer a Technology-Investor Forum with a series of presentations on innovative technologies by emerging US companies.


CSP & CPV Investment and Finance Summit
October 02 – 03, 2008
San Francisco, USA

The CSP & CPV investment and finance summit responds directly to the needs of those involved in trying to achieve financing and investment for their concentrated solar power projects. It will be addressing the most challenging issues including understanding project finance, securing venture capital, securing angel and early round investment, investment and finance success stories from some of the leading CPV and CSP companies and a focus on risk management and due diligence in the USA. Over 850 concentrated solar power executives have attended the last three events. Just some of the networking opportunities are the opportunity to meet more than 150 people, stand exhibition, over twelve hours of dedicated networking time, networking cocktail party, breakfast meetings, speed networking, interactive roundtables, leading case studies, and vibrant panel debates.


CAET Alternative Energy Symposium 2008
October 02 – 03, 2008
Chicago, USA

The Center for Alternative Energy Technology organises Alternative Energy Symposium 2008 to provide an effective and established forum for the dissemination and discussion of ideas and information regarding recent advances in alternative energy technology. Alternative Energy Symposium 2007 received contributions from leading scientists and engineers from around the world. This year’s symposium aims to build upon the success of last year. Topics include fuel cell technology, bio-fuels, solar cells, and sustainable energy systems for urban and rural buildings.

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Semicon Europa 2008
October 07 – 09, 2008
Stuttgart, Germany
The annual Semicon trade fairs are important events for the semiconductor industry and a rich source of information about production equipment and materials for the photovoltaic industry. In 2007 there were around 14,000 registered exhibitors and visitors. So far this year’s event is 12,000 visitors and 800 exhibitors including 200 companies from the photovoltaic industry.
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PV Forum & Exhibition Taiwan
October 07 – 08, 2008
Taipei, Taiwan
"Taiwan International Photovoltaic Forum and Exhibition" held in 2007 had been very successful and had received enthusiastic responses from all sectors of society. This year, the event will be held again on a larger scale featuring rich and versatile content. It will surely catch the attention from businesses in the photovoltaic industry. This year’s exhibition will be divided into five major sections, including Materials & Solar Cells, PV Modules, System Installation & Balance of System (BOS), PV Application Products, Processing Equipment, etc. So far 127 companies from Taiwan and abroad have registered for the exhibition, making up a total of 258 booths. TAITRA has invited renowned speakers from leading enterprises based in the United States, Japan, Germany and Canada, etc. to attend the forum. Topics that will be discussed in the forum include the current status of and trends in the global PV industry, solar cells, thin film solar cells and solar-grade silicon materials.
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Bioenergy 2008
October 07 – 08, 2008
Birmingham, UK
This two day conference and exhibition is the only comprehensive Bioenergy event in the UK and each year it gets bigger and better. Organised by the REA, the UK Trade Association for renewables this reasonably priced event covers all the key issues that impact on the UK bioenergy industry. This year the event will have a central venue, better networking facilities and additional exhibition space. There will be more plenary sessions, facilitating debate on areas of common interest, whilst retaining the scope to focus on sector specific issues.

CSP & CPV Investment & Finance Summit
October 08 – 09, 2008
Madrid, Spain
Although more than 3,000 MW of CSP projects have been announced in Spain, solar developers are already finding it increasingly difficult to get project finance approval. That is not to say it cannot be done, as over five CSP plants have obtained Project Finance in recent months. The CSP & CPV Investment & Finance Summit will tell the visitors exactly what they need to do to secure the vital funds to get the projects off the ground in Spain – and most importantly, this summit helps to get in touch with the foremost experts in the industry. Topics will be key steps to attract angel capital and the partnerships to accelerate corporate growth, how to find and obtain venture capital funding, understanding what the banks want to hear to apply for project finance, case studies that spell out the do’s and don’ts of securing CSP & CPV project finance or how to turn the expected cuts in the feed-in tariff in the next Real Decreto to a competitive advantage.
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Renexpo
October 09 – 12, 2008
Augsburg, Germany
From the 9th to 12th of October 2008 the Augsburg trade fair presents for the ninth time the complete spectrum of renewable energy and energy efficient building and renovation. The themes range from old-building renovation to heating with sun and wood, to Passive House, CHP, mobility, heat pumps, hydropower and wind energy. One of the highlights is the IHE HolzEnergie – Germany’s largest specialised trade fair for energy production from wood. Sun energy is also a theme at the trade fair and conference with the latest developments and technology concerning photovoltaics, solar heating and solar cooling. At the “Heat Pump World” and the accompanying 4th Conference on Heat Pumps manufacturers, installers and operators meet annually in Augsburg to swap experiences. The trade fair sector interGreenBuilding presents energy efficient building, modernisation and renovation tips. Manufacturers and service providers offer an overview of building services, air-conditioning, windows and insulation as well as Passive House in solid and timber wood construction. In addition to the trade fair and conference the visitors will be offered a free presentation program.
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October 13 – 16, 2008
San Diego, USA
Organised by the Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA) and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), Solar Power Conference & Expo 2008 is expected to attract a record of 12,000 professionals from more than 70 countries and 400 exhibitors from 14 countries. Besides top vendors presenting the state-of-the-art in solar energy technologies and services, the event features more than 60 conference sessions and workshops covering the latest market, policy, finance and technology issues as well as a world-renowned CEO Panel plenary session. In addition to the full array of conference sessions, extensive exhibits and industry networking opportunities, the featured CEO Panel plenary session will feature top executives from the most important players in the solar marketplace, including manufacturers, project developers and contractors, electric utilities, and large buyers such as big box stores. Solar Power 2008 will encompass the full range of solar energy technologies, including photovoltaics, concentrating photovoltaics, concentrating solar power, solar hot water and space heating and cooling. Last year’s event sold out in advance, so organisers encourage early registration to guarantee participation.
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