**ISES Joins IEA SHC!**

The IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme welcomes the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) as its newest Sponsor member. This development offers expanded opportunities for ISES members to participate in technical activities under the IEA SHC, and places ISES at the IEA SHC table as a member of its Executive Committee.

“As a sponsor, ISES aims to offer expanded opportunities for our members to participate in technical activities under the IEA SHC Programme and to have a seat at the table of one of the longest running IEA Technology Collaboration Programmes (TCPs),” remarks Jenny McIntosh, the ISES Executive Secretary. Many ISES members and Board of Directors participate in, and have been active in, IEA SHC Tasks. For the past ten years, ISES President Dr. Dave Renné has been serving as the Operating Agent for IEA SHC’s two solar resource assessment Tasks. As many as 80 solar resource experts from 17 countries around the world have been coming together to work on these tasks, and many important publications, seminars, handbooks, and conference presentations that advance the state of science in solar resource assessments and forecasting methodologies to support the solar industry have been produced. Task participants, such as Dr. Richard Perez of the State University of New York, this year’s ISES Farrington Daniels Award recipient, are well-known world experts in this field.

McIntosh notes, “Becoming a sponsor of IEA SHC is a natural fit within ISES’ expanded mission to partner and cooperate with the other leading renewable energy organizations and institutions. A mix of solar and other energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, will be crucial to meet global goals to combat climate change: solar thermal technologies, including passive and active building designs, are and will continue to be part of that mix. Thus the role of the IEA SHC Programme remains as important today as it was in 1977 to continue to research, develop, demonstrate and exchange information on these important technologies and applications.”

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**ISES headquarters, located in Freiburg, Germany since 1995.**

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The Society provides objective, scientific advice to governments and the public at a global level. ISES’ strong research and academic foundations bring credibility to its advise on technical and policy issues related towards achieving 100% renewable energy worldwide. ISES has a track record of strongly supporting the solar industry, helping shape public opinion through education and outreach activities and providing informed comment on global issues.

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The main pillars of work carried out by ISES are evident through the reputable Solar Energy journal, the successful Solar World Congresses and Euro Sun conferences as well as high quality webinars and publications.

The next big event for ISES is the upcoming ISES EuroSun 2016 conference to be held on 11-14 October in Palma, Spain. The conference theme is “Solar Energy for Buildings and Industry” with a focus on solar heating and cooling. Please visit the EuroSun website: www.eurosun2016.org to see the list of conference topics, keynote speakers and the preliminary program.

A new service, which is sure to be of interest for IEA SHC Task members in particular, is the International Experts Network (IEN). IEN is a platform for ISES members to present their expertise and knowledge to a broader community through a publicly accessible and searchable database. The platform allows users to search for the best experts for their projects, studies, market evaluations and other purposes. The network brings together those who offer expertise with those who are searching for experts in the renewable energy fields. The network is available at join.ises.org/ien.

“We look forward to a fruitful and successful partnership with the IEA SHC Programme”

JENNY MCINTOSH
ISES Executive Secretary
and IEA SHC ExCo member

Together with the Spanish section of ISES, AEDES, and the University of the Balearic Islands, ISES will organize the 11th EuroSun Conference in Palma, Spain on October 11-14.

Harmonizing #tags

Three major solar heating and cooling institutions – the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation (ESTIF), the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme (IEA SHC) and solarthermalworld.org – have started a campaign to harmonize SHC hashtags on social media.

Please join us in increasing the visibility of the solar heating and cooling (SHC) sector by using these hashtags in your posts!