

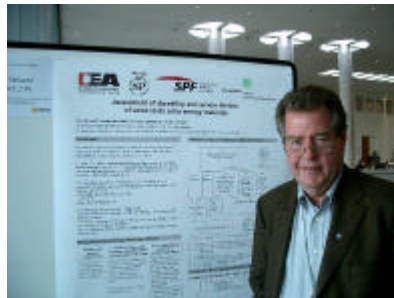
EuroSun 2004

5th ISES EUROPE SOLAR CONFERENCE
20 to 23 June 2004



Like the inaugural EuroSun in 1996, EuroSun 2004 took place at the Konzerthaus in Freiburg, Germany, seat of ISES Headquarters.

The congress was opened by the Lord Mayor of Freiburg, Dr Dieter Salomon, with a welcome address by Dr Jean Rosenfeld, ISES-Europe, and Prof Sigrid Jannsen, German Solar Energy Society. The venue proved most suitable for the 500 delegates who attended the event and the organization was excellent. There was also good representation from the UK, including 7 members of UK-ISES. The quality of the papers and posters was of the highest standard and covered the areas of Solar Thermal Energy, Materials for Solar Energy Conversion, PV Systems and PV Cells, Solar Cooling, Energy Meteorology, Architecture and Design, Day Lighting, Energy Efficient Buildings, Market and Dissemination Strategies and Education Concepts. It had attracted many delegates not only from within Europe, but from around the globe.



Professor Hutchins, Chair of UK-ISES, examining a poster at the exhibition.



The 3 chairmen in discussion -
from left: Prof Mick Hutchins, UK-ISES, Dr Jean Rosenfeld, ISES-Europe, and Dr Yogi Gaswami, ISES

The congress included a number of workshops as well as the Annual General Meetings of ISES-Europe and ISES. At the ISES-Europe meeting the benefits and disadvantages of the current format of EuroSun were discussed and

options explored. This was of particular interest to Prof Hutchins, Chair of UK-ISES, Mr Kerr MacGregor, UK-ISES member and Chair of the Scottish Solar Energy Group (SSEG), and Christiane Buckle, UK-ISES Secretariat. **At EuroSun 2004, SSEG and UK-ISES were officially confirmed as the hosts of Eurosun 2006!** The venue will be Glasgow Caledonian University and Dr Stas Burek, UK-ISES committee member and member of SSEG, will be the local organizer.



ISES-Europe AGM: representatives from ISES Italy, Romania, Denmark and Poland

Professor Hutchins and Kerr MacGregor gave a joint presentation of the plans for EuroSun 2006. This had been prepared by Dr Burek.



Kerr MacGregor and Professor Hutchins



Members of ISES-Europe and Prof Hutchins (below) during the EuroSun 2006 presentation



At the ISES AGM, one of the main issues was that of membership size. It was discussed at length and stated how vital it was that the Society worked on public awareness and the drive for the public to join the Society and play their part in the global conversion from fossil fuels to renewables.

The highlight of the social programme was the congress dinner which had been booked at the 'Europa Park Rust', not far from Freiburg. This is Germany's biggest theme park. The Society had the whole park to themselves.

The Europa Park covers 65 hectares of parkland and includes the largest hotel in Europe, the Hotel Colosseo, which has 1000 rooms.



From left: Michael Köhl, Fraunhofer Freiburg, Christiane Buckle and Rolf Behringer, ISES, at the Europa Park

A special treat was a ride on the 'Poseidon', a unique combination of roller coaster and water ride. It was followed by an excellent dinner and show.





The President of ISES-Europe, Dr Jean Rosenfeld, during his dinner speech.



Christine Hornstein, Deputy Chief Executive, ISES, and Christiane Buckle, UK-ISES

SSEG and UK-ISES will begin work on the preparations for EuroSun 2006 shortly, with the call for abstracts to be published in time for Northsun 2005 in May of next year.

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Following EuroSun 2004 the UK-ISES delegates visited Intersolar 2004, Europe's largest trade fair for solar technology, which took place in Freiburg immediately after. The exhibition was most impressive, with 286 exhibitions. Regrettably, there were very few UK companies.



View of the exhibition of hall

Both ISES (1) and the German Solar Energy Society (2) were represented:



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The sun was out in force on the first day of Intersolar. Above shows a stall where sausages were fried for free with a solar cooker.

