

4th European Solar Thermal Energy Conference

Call for Abstracts

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 December 2008

estec2009 informs a sector in transition

Hosted by ESTIF, the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation, in co-operation with the Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft and with Intersolar 2009, the 4th European Solar Thermal Conference (estec2009) will take place on 25 and 26 May 2009 at the hotel "Bayerischer Hof" in Munich.

Throughout the last years, this biennial estec conference has developed into the most important exchange platform on the solar thermal energy market, promising a record attendance also for the coming year.

More than 600 attendees worldwide are expected at this must-attend event which provides managers and industry experts with relevant information on markets and trends, technology and policies in the fields of hot water preparation, space heating and solar-assisted cooling.

Next year again, the estec2009 conference will take place right before the Intersolar trade fair, allowing participants to attend both major solar thermal events in just one week.

The comprehensive programme of the estec2009 conference aims to provide updates on policies promoting the use of solar thermal energy and to answer challenging questions such as:

- How do the renewable obligations change the market?
- Which financing options are available for the growth of small and medium-sized manufacturers?
- Where does solar cooling stand today, and
- Who can participate in this growing market?

Do not miss this opportunity to share your experiences and present the latest developments in your field of expertise to the core international audience of decision makers from and around the solar thermal sector. Experts from all over the world are invited to submit short abstracts about the topics listed below.

The abstracts will be evaluated by the Programme Committee, composed of experts with an international reputation on various areas of expertise related to solar thermal heating and cooling. All accepted abstracts will be presented in plenary, parallel or poster sessions and will be published in the conference proceedings. Some of the selected authors will be invited to give an oral presentation at estec2009. Others will be invited to give a poster presentation.

Presentations at estec2009 should address the following target groups:

- Managers, marketing and sales persons of solar thermal companies and suppliers
- Executives of national and regional energy ministries and energy agencies
- Energy market experts from private and public financing
- Marketing managers of energy utilities and energy contractors
- Technical researchers from universities and research institutes
- Market researchers

Topic Categories

Please select only one topic that refers to the main subject of the abstract. The Programme Committee has the authority to re-categorise the abstract.

- Solar thermal markets in Europe and worldwide

Category	Abbreviation
Country Reports	CR

- Financing projects and the industry's growth

Category	Abbreviation
Financing	FIN

- Marketing solar heating and cooling solutions

Category	Abbreviation
Marketing & Awareness Raising	MAR

- Education and training of professionals

Category	Abbreviation
Education & Training	ET

- Public support policies for Solar Thermal

Category	Abbreviation
Public Policies	PP

- Key technological developments

Category	Abbreviation
Technological Developments	TD

- Standards and certification of Solar Thermal products

Category	Abbreviation
Standards & Certification	SC

- Quality assurance schemes in planning and installation

Category	Abbreviation
Quality assurance	QA

- Realising the ESTTP's vision of 50% low-temperature heat from Solar Thermal by 2030

Category	Abbreviation
ESTTP's vision	ESTTP

- Miscellaneous

Category	Abbreviation
Miscellaneous	MISC

Key deadlines

15 December 2008

Deadline for abstract submission

End of February 2009

Notification to the abstract authors

April 2009

Deadline for submission of full paper

25-26 May 2009

estec2009 conference, Hotel Bayerischer Hof, Munich

Instructions for the abstract submission

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 December 2008.

After this deadline submissions will NOT be considered.

Abstract submission Procedure

- Abstracts can be submitted from 30 October 2008.
- Abstracts must be submitted on-line, via the estec2009 website: www.estec2009.org under “Call for abstracts”.
- Please follow precisely the instructions on the screen to facilitate the work of the Programme Committee. Abstracts sent by mail, fax or email will NOT be accepted.
If you have any questions regarding the online submission process, e-mail: estec2009@estif.org
- The selection of abstracts for poster presentations will be made by the Programme Committee in February 2009. The presenting author will receive an email with the result of the review and the Programme Committee’s decision on the abstract by end February 2009.

Abstract format

Abstracts must be submitted on-line, via the estec2009 website: www.estec2009.org under “Programme” – “Call for abstracts”.

During the online submission, you are required to:

1. Complete personal contact details as per the online form;
2. Upload a **ONE page abstract (around 2.500 characters) in English in Word or PDF format.**

Abstracts should be structured in such a way as to include the following 4 sections:

- (1) Background : an introductory sentence indicating the purpose of the presentation
- (2) Material and methods : a brief description of the contents of the presentation
- (3) Results : a summary of the results and of the innovative element of the presentation
- (4) Conclusions : a statement of the main conclusions

Please note that other file formats will not be accepted, and abstracts longer than one page will be rejected.

3. Upload a **ONE page CV and/or references in English in Word or PDF format** listing previous presentations/publications. This should aim to demonstrate to the Programme Committee that the abstract author will be able to give a convincing presentation at an international conference.

Please note: If there are multiple authors, please include details of all authors in the 1 page abstract, and only submit the main author’s CV and personal contact details.

Abstract selection

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Due to the high number of abstracts received by ESTIF, we kindly ask abstract authors to refrain from contacting the estec2009 Secretariat to inquire about the status of abstracts.

Submission of full papers

The Programme Committee will invite successful abstract authors to provide a full version of the paper in form of:

- A contribution to the estec2009 conference proceedings
- A power-point presentation or a poster presentation

Registration for presenters

Submitting an abstract for presentation at estec2009 does NOT constitute registration for the conference. Abstract presenters must register to attend estec2009 by following the instructions for registration on the website www.estec2009.org.

Withdrawal

If you wish to withdraw a submitted abstract, please contact ESTIF at estec2009@estif.org.

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