



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Just before Intersolar, estec2009 informs a sector in transition**

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> European Solar Thermal Energy Conference, estec2009, takes place in Munich on 25–26 May 2009**

Brussels, 15 September 2008. In 2009, the largest global conference dedicated to solar thermal energy takes place in Munich, Germany. The estec conference hosted by ESTIF, the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation, has developed into the most important platform within the rapidly changing sector. In the dynamic environment of a fast developing European market, estec2009 provides relevant information on markets and trends, technology and policies in the field of hot water preparation, space heating and solar assisted cooling. More than 600 participants from all over Europe and beyond will attend the international conference on 25-26 May 2009.

“The solar thermal industry needs the latest information on worldwide market developments. And estec2009 participants will receive this – first hand and from top speakers”, says ESTIF president Gerhard Rabensteiner.” The conference will be held once more in connection with Intersolar, allowing participants to attend two major solar thermal events in just one week”.

ESTIF, the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation, is hosting the event and expects that over 600 managers and experts will participate in estec2009 to discuss the latest trends in the industry, technological developments as well as policies promoting solar thermal energy usage: How do the renewable obligations change the market? Which financing options are available for the growth of small and medium sized manufacturers? Where is solar cooling today, and who can participate in this growing market? These and many other questions will be addressed at estec2009.

“estec2009 takes place on 25-26 May 2008, just before Intersolar”, explains ESTIF Secretary General, Uwe Trenkner.” We have a top-class conference venue, the Hotel “Bayerischer Hof”, and we will soon roll out our promotion campaign. Companies wishing to participate as sponsors will benefit significantly from early confirmation as their name and logo will be featured from the outset. We will make all information available at [www.estec2009.org](http://www.estec2009.org)”.

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