



23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition

Welcome to all Delegates

... and welcome at the Conference site! We are all looking forward to this Conference and Exhibition, the largest PV Solar Conference to take place in Europe in 2008.

For your convenience please find all useful information for your stay included in this Conference Bag:

- The entire Conference Programme which is presented in the **Programme Brochure** as well as a **Programme Addendum**, indicating programme amendments.
- The **Topic Guide** presents the Programme Outline with color codes by topics and is showing as well the allocation of the three main Conference auditoria to the Conference sessions. The Visual Presentation Sessions will take place in the Poster Area located in Pavilion 5 in the Centro de Eventos. The color code facilitates the identification of all sessions of one topic group taking place during the Conference week.
- A separate **Layoutplan** for the Poster Area with the **Visual Presentations** navigates you through the comprehensive Poster programme. A novelty this time will be that all Visual Presentations can be presented during the full period from Monday – Thursday giving more viewing time for all delegates.
- The Programme of the **5th European PV Industry Forum**.
- The **Exhibition Guide** provides an exhibition overview and presents 715 companies and organisations participating at this 50,000 m² gathering of the global PV industry and organisations. They are looking forward to your visit in the Exhibition Area. Further on you will find the **Voucher** for the Catalogue of Exhibitors in your Conference Bag. Please show this Voucher at the Exhibition Welcome Point in the Foro Centro (Level 2), the Entrance Hall to the Exhibition building, to get your Catalogue of Exhibitors.

An **Overview on the Venue** can be found **on the reverse side of this Welcome Letter**.

Your personal **Conference badge** authorises you to visit all Conference Sessions, Conference Side Events, the Poster Area and the Coffee-Breaks. It should be worn visibly at all times. Lost badges can not be replaced. Kindly be informed that **your badge is not transferable to another person**. We ask for your understanding that personal related admission might be a control issue of our staff.

MONDAY MORNING

Opening Session 10:30

The latest programme of the Opening Session on Monday, 1st September at 10:30 is available in front of the Auditorium Pavilion 5 (Level 1). You are all invited to join the official launch of this international solar energy event. Badges are not requested in Monday morning for the Opening.

MONDAY EVENING

Welcome Reception 18:30

On Monday, 1st September there will be a Welcome Reception for all Conference and Exhibition participants to celebrate the rapid development of the global PV industry and to highlight the role of the Exhibition at this global PV gathering.

The Reception will take place **in the Mall** on Level 2 of the Exhibition building following the last sessions of the day. It is scheduled from approximately 18:30 until 20:00. An invitation is included in your Conference Bag.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The **Conference Dinner** marks a special social highlight of that busy Conference week. Delegates will be able to network with friends, colleagues and business partners while enjoying excellent Spanish food in a relaxing environment

It will take place at the Hotel Las Arenas Balneario Resort, a luxury five-star hotel located in the historic Spa of Balneario Las Arenas, at a privileged seafront location with fantastic view on the sea. It combines the fine architectural features of the historic Las Arenas spa of 1898 with the elegance and comfort of modern design. The hotel stands on an outstanding site facing the sea, a few minutes from the sports harbour area. Enjoy the Conference Dinner in a great surrounding with mediterranean flair.

Entrance is free for participants that booked the full Registration Fee incl. Conference Dinner. If you have not registered for the dinner yet, and wish to attend it, you may buy extra tickets from Tuesday, 2nd September, at the Registration Desk, depending on final availability.

If you have registered for the dinner in advance, you will find your Conference Dinner ticket attached to the reverse side of your Conference badge.

Detailed directions and a map indicating the location of the Hotel Las Arenas will be available on Wednesday at the Registration Desk.

In the beautiful gardens of Las Arenas a Welcome Drink and a selection of fine tapas will be served - enjoy the beginning of an evening at the seaside! After the Aperitif we will have Dinner in the two Pavilions Salon Diana or Salon Apolo/Zeus as printed on your Conference Dinner badge. At both Pavilions the same high quality menu will be served.

We kindly ask you to **bring your personal ticket along with you to ensure admittance to the dinner**.

FRIDAY NOON

Closing Session 12:00-13:30

The Closing Ceremony will take place on Friday, 5th September at 12:00 in the Auditorium 1a. All Conference and Exhibition participants are invited to attend this session which encompasses **the Becquerel Prize awarding, the Awards for Outstanding Visual Presentations, the Conference Summaries and key note presentations.**

Becquerel Prize

As one of the highlights during the 23rd EU PVSEC week the **European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics** will be awarded to a reknown European personality during the Closing Session on Friday, 5th September. This prize was established in 1989 to mark the 150th anniversary of Becquerel's classical experiment, which laid the foundation of both, photovoltaics and photography, by detecting the photovoltaic effect.

Awards for Outstanding Visual Presentations

Another highlight of the Closing Session: The most outstanding poster presentations of each topic (Topic 1-6) will be awarded. A jury of experts judges during the Conference week the quality of the contents reported and the quality of the presentation. The awards will be announced and delivered as part of the Closing Session. The winners will be invited on stage and all winning posters will be projected in the Auditorium 1a.

ROOM ALLOCATION

The table below will ease your way through the 'Feria Valencia – Convention and Exhibition Centre' and will make sure you find the session you want to participate in:

Centro de Eventos	
Registration Desk	Conference Registration Area (Pavilion 5, Level 1)
Presenters' Desk (delivery of computer driven presentations)	Room 2f (Level 2)
Delivery of Manuscripts	Room 2i (Level 2)
Opening Session	Auditorium Pavilion 5 (Level 1)
Closing Session	Auditorium 1a (Level 1)
Plenary Sessions	Auditorium Pavilion 5 (Level 1)
Oral Sessions in the afternoon (see Topic Guide)	Auditorium Pavilion 5 (Level 1) Auditorium 1a (Level 1) Auditorium 3a (Level 3)
5th European PV Industry Forum	Auditorium 1a (Level 1)
Visual Presentations	Poster Area (Pavilion 5, Level 1)
Viajes Marsans Group – Hotel and Tour Desk	Registration Desk Area (Level 1)
Internet Point	Room 2a (Level 2)
Cloak Room	Registration Area (Pavilion 5, Level 1)
Exhibition Area	
Exhibition Welcome Point	Foro Centro (Level 2)
Exhibition Area	Hall/Pavilion 1, 2, 3, 4 and Mall on Level 1
Press Room	Level Mall (above Level 2)
Cloakroom	Entrance to the Mall on Level 1

In case of changes in the allocation of rooms, these will be announced in the daily programme. Therefore, please check the Programme Board next to the Registration Desk in regular intervals.

PLENARY AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Your computer driven presentations which will be used during the presentations, must be handed to the technician at the Presenters' Desk, located at the Conference Centre in Room 2f on Level 2. At least one hour (for Plenary Presentations) and two hours (for Oral Presentations) prior to the beginning of the session of your presentation to be checked and assorted.

No changes will be possible from 30 minutes before the beginning of a session.

Speakers and Chairpersons will meet in the Conference Room of their session 15 minutes prior to schedule to be briefed and to get acquainted with the audio-visual equipment. The respective Conference Room is depicted in the daily programme and in the Topic Guide.

VISUAL PRESENTATIONS (POSTER AREA)

Best news: All Visual Poster presentations can be presented the full 4 days from Monday through Thursday in the Poster Area. This means, compared to the last Conference, a double time span for the visibility of all Poster presentations and more time for all Conference delegates to navigate through the Visual Poster programme.

Where and how to position the Visual Presentations:

The authors of all Visual Poster presentations are kindly requested to set up their posters on the allotted boards during Conference registration hours on Sunday 15:00 – 18:30 and from 08:00 on Monday morning, 1st September. All visual presentations should be in place by Monday morning at the latest and must be dismantled on Thursday evening, 4th September after the last session at 18:30. The boards will be arranged in topic groups and numbered according to the Conference Programme.

During Visual Presentation Sessions authors of posters are requested to be present at their posters at the times specified in the programme. This will give all Conference delegates the opportunity for questions and discussion, thus fostering information and experience exchange, one of the major objectives of this PV Solar event.

During the set-up and dismantling periods there will be tape available in the poster area. Please leave this material in place for your colleagues.

DELIVERY OF MANUSCRIPTS

We kindly request every delegate giving a Plenary, Oral or a Visual Presentation to hand in his/her paper which will be published in the Proceedings of the Conference.

From Sunday to Thursday there will be a special counter for delivery of manuscripts at the Conference Centre in Room 2i (Level 2). Please present your Confirmation of Payment at the Manuscript Delivery Desk, when handing in your contribution.

The counter might be crowded during the first 2 days of the Conference. Therefore we would like to remind you, that you do not have to deliver the papers on the first day; your papers will be accepted until Thursday 18:30. Opening hours are on Sunday, 31st Aug. from 15:00 – 18:30 and from Monday, 1st Sept. to Thursday 4 Sept. from 08:15 – 18:30.

PROGRAMME CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS

Programme changes and amendments will be communicated at the Programme Board next to the Registration Desk. Please check this Board regularly.

5TH EUROPEAN PV INDUSTRY FORUM



“Towards a 3rd Industrial Revolution led by Europe and how solar photovoltaic electricity can be part of it”

For the 5th occasion, EPIA will organise, in collaboration with WIP, the European Photovoltaic Industry Forum on Wednesday 3rd September as an official event of the 23rd EU PVSEC. This year, the forum will focus on how Europe can lead the 3rd Industry Revolution and how solar photovoltaic electricity can be part of this revolution.

The Forum will be split into four main sessions: Demand Side - Market development, Production Side, Path to Grid Parity, Towards a 3rd Industrial Revolution

A special guest, **Jeremy Rifkin** will conclude the Forum by introducing the concept of a Third Industry Revolution. Jeremy Rifkin is President of the Foundation on Economic Trends (www.foet.org), author of 17 best-selling books and **key advisor to the European Union** on issues related to the economy, climate change, energy security, and sustainable development.

EXHIBITION

This year 715 Exhibitors are looking forward to your visit. The Exhibition, together with the Conference itself, will provide the expected high level contribution to the continuing and sustainable development of PV Solar global markets. The world's key manufacturers representing the cutting edge of the international PV industry will be on hand to present and discuss their products and services in the Exhibition Area.

You will find an **Exhibition Guide** together with your voucher for the **Catalogue of Exhibitors** in your delegate bag. The Catalogue includes the List of Exhibitors and their profiles and will be distributed at the Exhibition Welcome Point in the Foro Centro (Level 2), in the Entrance Hall to the Exhibition Area.

Opening hours at the Foro Centro and of the Exhibition are Monday, 1st September to Thursday, 4th September from 9:00 to 18:00.

VANGUARD EXHIBIT

The US NREL have put together an exhibit to honor a significant event – it is the 50th anniversary of the first solar PV-powered satellite, Vanguard I. This was launched on March 17, 1958 – and is really the tipping point for much of the technology we are seeing flourish today! This unique exhibit is set-up in the Exhibition Mall Level 1, right at the beginning of this spacious Mall Area. Have a visit. You will be surprised to meet the pioneer period of PV power application.

REGISTRATION DESK

During the Conference, information and help may be obtained at the Registration Desk. Our Conference Team will be glad to assist you.

MARSANS TRAVEL - HOTEL AND TOUR DESK

Marsans – Hotel and Tour Desk at the Registration Area will be open from Sunday, 31st August. Marsans handles the bookings of hotel rooms for the 23rd EU PVSEC. The team of Marsans will provide you with information about the City of Valencia. They offer as well a variety of English guided tours.

BUSINESS CENTRE

For your convenience a Business Centre with various services such as photocopies, fax, print outs and internet connection will be available at the Feria Valencia. The Business Centre is open from Monday 1st to Thursday 4th September from 09:00h to 18:00h. The Business Centre is located in the Exhibition Area, Mall on Level 2, at the cross road point of the Mall wings.

INTERNET

There is free W-LAN access within the Conference Area. A Notebook with activated W-LAN functionality is necessary. There is no guarantee for the capacity of the free W-LAN. In the Conference Centre Room 2a (Level 2) there are also desks with free Internet Access via LAN-cable and electricity plugs, available for Conference delegates.

COMMUNICATION AND MEETING AREA

There are many possibilities for informal meetings in the seating areas of the Conference Centre. Further on the manifold coffee bars and restaurants at the Feria Valencia offer the possibility for informal meetings with your colleagues.

Also in the Poster Area Conference Delegates will find space for discussion and exchange with colleagues. It will be open from Monday, 1st September to Thursday, 4th September from 08:30 to 18:30.

SNACK BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Snack Bars and Restaurants at the Feria Valencia will be open to arrange your coffee or lunch break during the 23rd EU PVSEC.

The manifold offer will meet the needs of all delegates. An Overview on Snack Bars and Restaurants is included in your Delegate Bag and will be available also on the Message Board at the Conference and at the Exhibition Centre.

CLOAK ROOM

The cloak room for Conference delegates is located besides the Registration Desk in Pavilion 5 (Level 1) in the Centro de Eventos. This extra service can be used by all Conference delegates and Exhibitors free of charge. The cloak room is open from Monday to Friday. Please check the Opening hours of the cloak room in order to pick up your items in time. A second cloak room is situated at the entrance to the Exhibition Area, Mall on Level 1.

BUS SHUTTLE

From Monday 1 September to Friday 5 September there will be a mini bus shuttle from the Metro Station Les Carolines to the Feria Valencia and back.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Public Transportation System

The city of Valencia has a good public transport system. Especially the five Underground lines (1, 3, 4, 5 and 6) connect the most important sights and points of interest in the city of Valencia. Not only the airport, but also the Feria Valencia and the beautiful inner city can be reached easily. The metro also connects the suburbs with the city.

A one way ticket 'Billete Sencillo' costs 1,30 EUR for one zone and is to be used immediately. A round trip ticket 'Ida y Vuelta' costs 2,20 EUR and can be used 24 hours long for the way back. If you stay several days, you can acquire the 'Bonometro', which is valid for ten trips and costs 6,10 EUR for one zone.

Please note that these tickets are not valid for the Valencia bus system, but only for the metro. Furthermore, you can acquire a ticket "B10" for 7,00 EUR which is valid for both metro and bus.

Especially for tourists there is the "Valencia Tourist Card". With this card you have unlimited access to public transport and you get discounts at museums, leisure centres, shops and restaurants until the date of expiry at 12 midnight. There are three kinds of cards available: 1 day will cost 6 EUR, two days 10 EUR and three days 12 EUR. For all Tickets the Zone A is necessary to reach the Feria Valencia.

Changing Money & Banking Facilities

The currency in Spain is the EURO. Cash dispenser are available throughout the city and accept most of the common used international cards. The most common credit cards are American Express, VISA, Mastercard, 4B, Access and Diners Club. These cards will be accepted in most of the hotels, restaurants and shops. The opening hours of the banks in Valencia are from Monday to Friday 08:30-14:00.

Banking Facilities at the Feria Valencia

There are banks and cash dispenser (ATMs) available at the Feria Valencia. The banks are located in the Exhibition Area, Level Mall (above Level2). The opening hours will be Monday to Friday from 09:00-14:00 and 16:00-18:00. 'Banco Valencia' will be open from 09:00-18:00 without a break. The ATMs accept all major credit cards.

Telephones & Mobiles

The international access code for Spain is +34.

Pay phones are either blue or green and accept either coins or phone cards, which are sold at post offices, tobacco shops and newsagents. Local calls cost around 0,10 EUR.

Three mobile phone operators provide through GSM 900/1800 coverage throughout the country. Email and Internet access is available at Internet Cafés.

Shopping

Most department stores and supermarkets open Monday to Saturday at 09:00 in the morning. Supermarkets remain open until 22:00 in the evening.

Electricity

Standard electrical voltage in Valencia is 220-240 V AC, 50 Hz. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use North American electrical appliances whose plugs have two square pins. Adapters are available in most hardware stores.

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If you require assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact our organising team. The key responsibilities are:

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The Conference Team and the responsables for the realisation of the event wish you a pleasant and successful Conference week. Enjoy your stay in Valencia!

With my best regards



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23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition Conference Venue – Overview on the Centro de Eventos, Feria Valencia

