



Hydrogen Finds Its Place at UK Energy Conference

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As befits an industry where discussion and concepts are rapidly developing into action and results, hydrogen and fuel cells will be firmly in the exhibition and conference spotlight in the UK in May 2007 when the inaugural H207 exhibition and conference is held as an integral part of All-Energy, the UK's largest renewable energy exhibition and conference (Aberdeen, Scotland 23-24 May 2007).

H207 is a three-strong initiative involving Scottish Hydrogen Fuel Cell (SHFCA – the largest HFC national association in Europe) / Mountain States Hydrogen Business Council (MSHBC) / United Kingdom Hydrogen Association (UKHA) initiative in partnership with the organisers of the annual All-Energy show (now in its seventh year). H207 is endorsed by a growing number of organisations including Fuel Cell Europe, the National Hydrogen Association, H2NET – the Hydrogen Energy Network; Fuel Cells UK and the European Hydrogen Association.

With its theme 'The USA & Europe Getting Down to Business – Implementation of the Hydrogen Economy', H207 will see regional projects, business councils,

national initiatives, and international collaboration all coming together to make the hydrogen/fuel cell economy a reality.

At All-Energy this 'coming together' will be in the form of an H207 pavilion within the exhibition hall where there will be a meeting area/lounge hosted by SHFCA, NMHBC, and UKHA, two days of conference activity in the dedicated H207 conference hall, and the opportunity to network at All-Energy's traditional Giant Networking Evening on the evening of 23 May. H207 visitors and exhibitors will join All-Energy participants at the daily plenary sessions – UK Energy Minister, Malcolm Wicks, will be speaking on the opening morning (23 May).

No charge

In the spirit of the All-Energy event there will be no charge for attending the conference or the Giant Networking Evening. Conference papers at H207 will comprise a mixture of specially invited papers and those resulting from a call for papers to be published shortly and available at www.h207.com.

Space in the H207 exhibition is available to all involved with the hydrogen and fuel cell industries – the floorplan and booking form can be found on the event's website.

There is more, however, to H207 than purely an exhibition and conference. It is designed as a six-day action-packed business-to-business programme enabling participants who have travelled long distances to benefit to the full from networking opportunities. The day before H207 event opens there will be a 'Welcome to Scotland' reception, and once the exhibition has closed there will be a three-day golf and whisky tour offering a compelling blend of business and pleasure and featuring business briefings each evening.

All-Energy has built an impressive reputation since its launch in 2001, and has been described as the "AGM of the renewable energy industry." Each year sees considerable growth in terms of attendance (2850 in 2006), the number of exhibiting companies (220 in 2006), sponsorship and supporting organisations that include the UK Department of Trade and Industry and the Scottish Executive, relevant trade associations, learned societies and regional development authorities. Further information at www.all-energy.co.uk. All-Energy is organised by Media Generation Events Ltd in partnership with the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.



NHA Staff Holds Out Hope for Sandy Macaulay

NHA staff would like to express our deepest wishes for the safe return of Sandy Macaulay, Project Manager of the Unst Partnership and developer of the PURE Project to install renewable energy and hydrogen technology to power businesses in the remote Shetland Islands of northern Scotland. (See "Promoting Unst Renewable Energy Project in Scotland's Northern Isles" by Ross Gazey in the Summer 2004 edition of the NHA Newsletter.) Sandy went missing late on the night of October 1st or early October 2nd. His family and colleagues at Unst Partnership are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.