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Hydrogen and Fuel Cells: from R&D to the product

Two presentations on the Hanover Industrial Fair 2000

The Hanover Fair 2000 (20. to 25. March 2000) will be the first to present hydrogen energy and fuel cells in two places. One of them will be the well-known joint show held on the Research Market in hall 18 which puts the stress on research and development of the field. What is new is a presentation on the Energy Fair in hall 8 putting the economical potential of both technologies to the fore.

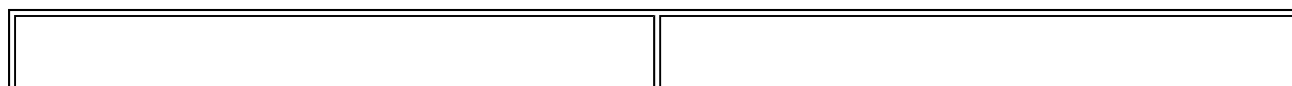
Apart from traditional exhibitors in hall 18 (DWV, [L-B-Systemtechnik](#), [ZSW \(Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Wuerttemberg\)](#), [Research Center Juelich](#), [DLR \(German Aerospace Research Establishment\)](#), [GfE](#) Metals and Materials) **DaimlerChrysler's "Project House Fuel Cell" will be there for the first time.** This will be a joint presentation with dbb Fuel Cell Engines GmbH (both from Nabern). Other newcomers among the exhibitors are the Californian company [DCH Technology](#) (sensorics, safety technology), the Dutch energy research center [ECN](#) and the Technical University of Munich. There will be a total of 18 individual exhibitors.

The present situation in hall 8 is that that eight companies from four countries (Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, USA) will be present. They will show stationary and mobile fuel cell systems, electrolyzers, and other systems and components. **Zevco, whose fuel cell taxi was a magnet on the last fair, will again show a zero emission vehicle.** Which exactly will be decided later.

The extension of the presentations and the move of parts of it from the research domain to the commercial field indicates that hydrogen and fuel cells will start to play a role in energy technology before long.

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