

FINAL PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HYDROGEN SAFETY (ICHS)

The Scientific Committee of the ICHS has completed the review of submitted papers for the 4th International Conference on Hydrogen Safety (ICHS). The Conference will be held in San Francisco (California, USA) on September 12-14, 2011 under the auspices of HySafe, the international association for hydrogen safety. It will be hosted by Sandia National Laboratories. This year will be the first time that the conference is held in North America after three times in Europe. The organizers are convinced that this kindles the interest even more and reaches parties which have not yet been involved.

Prof. Marco Carcassi from the University of Pisa (Italy), responsible for the scientific content of the conference, was very satisfied about the program. He said: "119 papers from 20 countries around the world had been submitted. This is the work of more than 200 authors who have contributed substantially to produce advanced studies for the three main themes: Enabling Global Opportunities, Enabling Role of R&D and Enabling Role of Risk Management, which will be discussed in the three-day Conference."

HySafe president Dr. Andrei Tchouvelev (Canada) expects a lot from the conference: "ICHS is the biggest world event in hydrogen safety. Thus, requirements to the quality of its technical program and organization are kept to a pretty high standard. We have unprecedented high number of paper submissions this time around meaning that more professionals are being involved in the dialogue on the safe use of hydrogen. I expect this conference to surpass its predecessors in both depth and breadth of topics and presented materials".

The conference will be accompanied by a number of side events. One of them will be a workshop on hydrogen safety organized by HySafe. It is meant to involve a broader audience into the sphere of topics comprising hydrogen safety and, thus, to contribute to spreading hydrogen safety knowledge amongst wide spectrum of stakeholders.

1.1 ABOUT ICHS

The objective of the International Conference on Hydrogen Safety (ICHS) is to improve public awareness and trust in hydrogen technologies by communicating a better understanding of both the hazards and risks associated with hydrogen and their management. Since the ICHS 2011 will focus on safety issues and measures to encourage more extensive use of hydrogen-based technologies, its contents will be different from other hydrogen conferences.

The first three conferences of this series were held in 2005, 2007, and 2009 in Pisa (Italy), San Sebastian (Spain) and Ajaccio (France), respectively. Their success showed that the

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matter of hydrogen safety is of interest to the public and to the scientific and engineering community.

All informations about the conference can be found in the web under <http://www.ichs2011.com>.

1.2 ABOUT HYSAFE

HySafe is the global focal point for all hydrogen safety related issues. Founded in 2009, it is an international non-profit association registered under Belgian Law with seat in Brussels. Its purpose is to promote the safe use of hydrogen as energy carrier. The association facilitates the networking for the further development and dissemination of knowledge and for the coordination of research activities in the field of hydrogen safety. It supports cost effective hydrogen safety research, enables innovative technologies and engineering, and provides education and training at a professional level. Based on its leading position in hydrogen safety research and development, HySafe determines the state-of-the-art in hydrogen safety and continuously develops further the associated strategic research agenda.

Find more details about HySafe under www.hysafe.info.

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