

Press Release

"f-cell": Meeting point for international fuel cell know-how

A great many international lecture highlights await the participants in the fuel cell specialist forum "f-cell" on September 28 / 29 in Stuttgart. Alongside European experts, numerous experts from the USA, Canada, and above all from Japan will be giving talks. For the first time, the program also includes a lecture from India.

Stuttgart (eos) – German and European programs support the development and market launch of fuel cells: Dr. Klaus Bonhoff, CEO of the National Organization for Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology (NOW) in Germany, and Philippe Vannson, head of the project group for execution of the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking in Brussels, will report on the current situation during this year's specialist forum "f-cell" on September 28 and 29 in Stuttgart. "After this, it will be particularly exciting to hear what is currently happening on other continents. The f-cell program has never been this international," says Peter Sauber, chief executive of the Peter Sauber agency for trade fairs and conventions, which is organizing the f-cell for the ninth time together with the Wirtschaftsförderung Region Stuttgart, the regional economic promotion body.

From North America, for example, the CEO of the US Fuel Cell Council, Robert Rose, and CEO of the California Fuel Cell Partnership, Catherine Dunwoody, will be making appearances. They will report on the effects of the Obama administration on the American (fuel cell) industry and provide an up-to-date overview of the hydrogen-driven fuel cell vehicles on California's roads. John W. Tak, president and CEO of the Canadian Canada Hydrogen & Fuel Cells association in Vancouver, will be presenting "Hydrogen Village" - a public-private partnership project that is driving forward the sustained commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cell applications in the Toronto region.

For the first time this year, there will also be a guest speaker from India at the "f-cell": Dr. R.K. Malhotra, CEO for research and development at the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in Haryana, India, will report on the efforts his country has been undertaking since 2006 within the

framework of the "National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap" to convert a total of one million vehicles for operation with hydrogen.

Dr. Rittmar von Helmholtz of General Motors, Katsuhiko Hirose of Toyota, Dr. Akihiro Iiyama of Nissan, Fabian Ottmann of Honda, and Dr. Hiroshia Tanaka of Daihatsu will all be talking about their progress in the development and testing of fuel cell vehicles.

In the field of stationary application, the lecture by Kunihiro Nishizaki of Tokyo Gas is expected to be of great interest. In Japan, one-kilowatt fuel cell heaters are already available on the market and deployed in approximately 3,000 private households. Industry consultant Takehiko Kato, president of the Interlink Corporation from Osaka, will explain in his lecture how marketing the technology worked in Japan.



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US fuel cell expert Catherine Dunwoody, CEO of the California Fuel Cell Partnership, (left picture) and John W. Tak, president and CEO of the Canadian association "Canada Hydrogen & Fuel Cells" in Vancouver (right), are only two of the total of 22 international speakers during this year's fuel cell symposium "f-cell" on September 28 and 29 in Stuttgart.

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