

Dear Friends of Solar and Renewable Energies and World Health Issues,

This e-mail is to update news around the 2006 **Solar Cookers and Food Processing International Conference**. This is to refresh our minds and share with you the process of its gestation because all people involved are part of this “solar creature”. Now, it is **111 days** before the due date for birth of this Conference!

Let us share some current data:

69 papers submitted from 89 invited
5 posters submitted
14 participants registered
2 publicity articles published
9 advertisements published in magazines
Major sponsors: Solar Cookers International,
Good Works Institute, Terra Foundation
Honorary Advisors:
Lester Brown and Vandana Shiva

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Junta de Andalucía (autonomic government in the region of Granada) and Parque de las Ciencias (Museum of Science of Granada where the demonstration sessions will take place) support the Conference. Also ISES (International Solar Energy Society), Mr. Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute and Mrs. Vandana Shiva of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Natural Resource Policy give support.

And extraordinary people will be there – the world’s leaders in promotion of solar cooking and food processing.

IT IS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING

Please note that during the Conference you will have the opportunity to be a founder of an **International Network**, which could synergize and accelerate our separate efforts all over the world. Sharing experiences and discussing future collaborations with other solar cooking activists is a big issue of the Conference. That is the reason why Action Groups created in Nairobi on February 2005 will invite new members and explore future activities in different sectors (disaster relief, education/youth, health, advocacy, media/communications, business) and bring them together in Plenary Sessions.

WHAT TO DO?

> **Register:** What can each of us do before the Conference? One thing that will help is for all of us to register soon. It also is a good time to reserve accommodations. That will be a big help for continued planning. Don't wait. Register now - you can do it online at

(<http://www.solarconference.net/registration.htm>).

Registration still includes: 1 individual access to the Palacio de Congresos, where the Conference is held, 3 coffee breaks, and the closing Dinner, 1 edition of proceedings, 1 programme, 1 hat, 1 day entrance at Parque de las Ciencias science museum for exhibits and demonstrations on Saturday, the 15th. More news added soon...

> **Room for More Sponsors:** If you are close to companies or institutions that might support sessions or travel subsidies for more solar cooking leaders from high-potential countries, please contact them or give us their contact in order we deal with dialoging. We'll be glad to help you. You can see the sponsor information at: <http://www.solarconference.net/sponsor.htm>. Any other material you may need, just ask us at solar@terra.org

> **Invite policy makers:** You might contact your government and urge the appropriate ministry to send a representative to learn the latest that could benefit your country's health, economics and environments. Also, invite people from other agencies whose programs could benefit and that you work with or would like to work with.

ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

The **draft program** can be downloaded from:

http://www.solarconference.net/abstract_selection.php. It will be updated soon, based on the papers submitted.

To see the list of **submitted papers** for oral presentations, they are on the web: http://www.solarconference.net/abstract_selection.php as are the **posters selected:** http://www.solarconference.net/poster_selection.php.

Waiting to hear about your paper?

The Paper Committee will complete its review in the next days and you will be notified very soon of any comments or requests for changes.

Thank you all for helping this conference come together. The more we encourage others to attend and support it, the more we can achieve together!

Sunny greetings to all hearts beating for solar cooking!

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