

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 **69 days** before the due date for birth of this Conference!

12 posters submitted
78 participants registered
4 publicity articles published
14 advertisements published in magazines
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Demonstrating the power of the Sun: Solar Devices Exhibition & Demonstration

An important goal of the Conference is gathering different solar technologies of food processing and having the great chance of seeing them working. That's why we invite you **to bring your solar device** and join both exhibition and demonstration.

1. EXHIBITION

At the hall of the **Palacio de Congresos**, where the conference sessions will take place, there will be space for the exhibition. From **Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th** July the devices will be placed inside the building, and **no** practical demonstration can be performed.



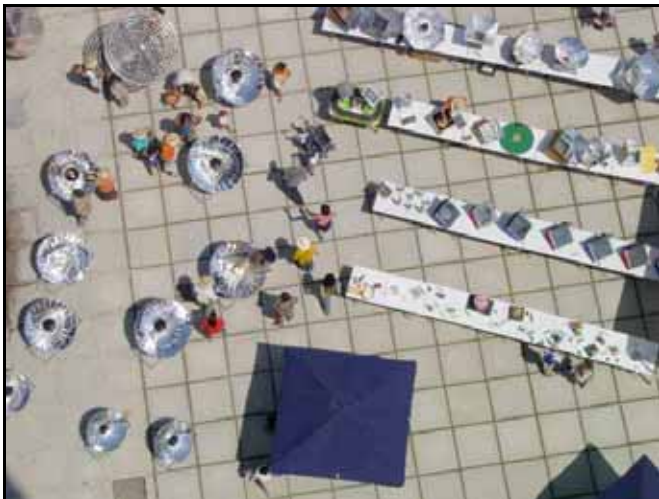
>> View of the exhibition area of the Palacio de Congresos of Granada

2. DEMONSTRATION

On **Saturday 15th July** practical demonstration will be held in an open area of more than 1000 m² at the **Parque de las Ciencias** (the science museum of Granada).

From 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. - participants **assembling** their solar devices
From 10:00 to 13:00 p.m. - demonstration for the Conference **participants**
From 13:00 p.m. to 15:00 p.m. - demonstration open to all **public**

We let you know that the basic ingredients, (water, flour, oil, salt, sugar, and some vegetables) will be available for all solar cooks. You are more than welcomed to bring other ingredients for your solar cooking recipe.



>> Open area of the Parque de las Ciencias of Granada in a meeting of solar cooking devices (July 2005)

We encourage you to show your solar device. In order to organize the space and the material of both exhibition and demonstration, the Organization requires some technical information regarding your solar device. These technical details will be very valuable for the printed sheet we preview to place next of each solar device.

Therefore, if you wish to bring your solar device, please fill in a **form** you can download from: <http://www.solarconference.net/exhibition.htm> and send it to organization@solarconference.net before **10th June 2006**. Also the technical data facilitated through this form will help to extend the Open DataBase of solar food processing devices very soon available on line at the website of Terra Foundation (<http://www.terra.org>)

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It is about accommodation _____

The Organization is looking for cheap accommodation as bedrooms at the **Youth Hostel** of Granada. This Youth Hostel is 15 minutes by bus from the Palacio de Congresos and costs 19 euros/day (breakfast included) in a shared room (with toilet) of **2 or 3** people. The electronic form to apply and pay will be available on the website since 12th of May. The places are limited and will be assigned in order of application received. The deadline for paying the accommodation at the Youth Hostel is the **5th June 2006**.



>> Views from the Youth Hostel of Granada

***** If you are an *author or co-author* of a paper already accepted by the Scientific Committee and you applied for accommodation in your Document of Commitment, **your place is already reserved**.

... and accommodation information will be updated soon in the website.

What can I do before the Conference? _____

> **Register:** It will help us to plan accommodation, excursions, auditorium... Don't wait. Register now - you can do it online at:
<http://www.solarconference.net/registration.htm>

Registration 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 excursion to Plataforma Solar de Almería on the 16th.

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> **Register your companion:** All participants (speakers included) wanting to attend the Conference with a **companion**, please read carefully the following information:

- is only possible accompanying an **already registered participant**
- we expect only **ONE companion** for each participant, (a close familiar: husband/wife/sons). Exceptionally, if you need to come with more than one companion, please let us know because it makes us rearrange the organization planning.

Companion fee is **50 euros** and includes: the welcoming cocktail (Wednesday 12th July 2006), the closing dinner (Friday 14th July 2006), the entrance to the demonstration area at Parque de las Ciencias (Saturday 15th July 2006), a hat, the excursion on Sunday 16th July 2006 to the Plataforma Solar de Almería (an R+D International Center of solar energy that contains a solar thermal power station of 1MW) and the entrance at the Open Sessions at the Palacio de Congresos:

- 12th July 2006, from 19:15 p.m. to 20:30 p.m.
- 13th July 2006, from 19:15 p.m. to 20:30 p.m.

In order to register a **companion** to the 2006 Solar Cookers and Food Processing International Conference, please **contact us** at organization@solarconference.net and we will send you the registration form by e-mail.

> **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.

Last updates and Deadlines _____

> Last opportunity for poster presentation

- 1) If you wish your poster to be included at the CD of Proceedings of the Conference, you should send a digital sample of your poster (preferably a **.doc** file) to organization@solarconference.net no later than **10th May 2006**.

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- 2) In case you cannot prepare your poster for the 10th (so it cannot be included in the Proceedings CD), then remember the deadline to send your poster in digital format (**PDF**) by e-mail in a document attached is **30th May 2006**, so that we can make copies available during the exhibition. You can download the instructions for poster manufacture from:
http://www.solarconference.net/poster_selection.php

> **Waiting to hear about your paper?**

The Scientific Committee has completed the final review of papers. The Proceedings-CD of the Conference is being edited.

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 from Barcelona!

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