

IOC Welcome Address

Ladies and Gentlemen



On behalf of the International Organizing Committee (IOC), it gives me great pleasure to welcoming you all to the beautiful city of Zurich, to the IEA Heat Pump Conference. This is the 9th in a series of triennial conferences on heat pumping technologies staged over the last three decades by IEA's Heat Pump Programme (HPP). Previous conferences were held in Graz, Austria (1984), Orlando, Florida, USA (1987), Tokyo, Japan (1990), Maastricht, Netherlands (1993), Toronto, Canada (1996), Berlin, Germany (1999), Beijing, China (2002), and Las Vegas, Nevada, USA (2005).

There are two primary objectives with these conferences. The first is to give the audience a snapshot of international developments within the field of heat pumping technologies over the last three years, and a sense of direction for future trends. The second is to create a meeting place that will spur new thoughts and ideas for international cooperation and more widespread deployment of heat pumps. In a world with growing concerns over the global environment and the consequences of escalating energy use, we know that heat pumping technologies play, and will continue to play, a vital and important role. This is why the Heat Pump Program recently embarked on a new five year period with the aim of striving to achieve widespread deployment of appropriate and high quality heat pumping technologies to obtain energy conservation and environmental benefits.

The IEA Heat Pump Conference is more than a technology conference. While the IEA heat Pump Programme focuses on issues spanning from research and development to market deployment and practical use, the conference aims at bringing together representatives from the entire heat pumping technologies value chain. We hope and believe that bringing the different market actors together will fertilize thoughts and inspire new progress.

This year's conference offers presentations from roughly 200 individuals representing 25 countries. The conference program consists of both oral and poster presentations. The idea is that the oral presentations will provide the overview and state-of-the-art with regard to the overall development, while the poster program will offer presentations more concerned with details in terms of technology, market, applications, and information.

Staging a conference of this magnitude is a major undertaking, and also involves a certain degree of risk. The IOC, therefore, wishes to express its gratitude to all, who in some way or another, from attendees to organizers, have contributed to the success of the conference. In particular, the IOC is proud to express its appreciation and acknowledgement to the Swiss National Organizing Committee, which under the leadership of Professor Thomas Kopp has done a tremendous job. Ever since the early beginning almost three years ago, we have felt that the conference was in the safest hands.

The IOC wishes everyone a great conference!

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