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ISES SWC 2007 Successfully Concluded

The ISES Solar World Congress, held biennially since the 1950's, embodies the spirit of international communication and information exchange pursued by the Society. The Congress provides a platform for communication and networking among the research community, industry and political players. This year, the Society's flagship event took place for the first time in China, a country where solar and renewables are taking a more defined and important role in the energy supply.

ISES welcomed over 900 participants from around the world and almost 100 exhibitors from China and abroad to the SWC 2007. The four day programme featured key note sessions on all renewable energies, as well as solar buildings, strategies and policies. The parallel sessions offered in-depth look what is taking place in research, policy, education and other areas of the renewable energy field.

The opening plenary provided a dynamic start to the Congress, with presentations from some of the leading representatives from solar thermal, photovoltaics, wind, bio energy, and solar buildings. Prof. Yogi Goswami presented on prospects of the world's renewable energy sources. Dr. Lawrence Kazmerski of the National Renewable Energy Lab in the USA presented on PV technologies at the tipping point. Robert Hastings spoke on the history of solar architecture, Dr. Anil Kane on the changing paradigm in world wind energy scenarios and Dr. Jose Roberto Moreira on the successes and barriers of bio energy. The current conditions in China including the status of solar thermal conversion and a review of renewable energy sources in China were also presented.

Almost 600 papers were delivered during the parallel sessions. While it was a full programme, the parallel sessions did offer the participants an opportunity to learn and discuss research developments and projects from many thematic areas.

The Congress was an opportunity for professionals and researchers from all renewable energy fields to exchange information and knowledge, not only on what is occurring at the national level in China, but also internationally. China was a unique host country for this event, with several ambitious renewable energy targets in place at the national level and the huge growth being experienced in several sectors, especially solar thermal technology, as well as wind and PV.

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