

SFFE holds strong position in relation to new centres

The Minister of Petroleum and Energy of Norway published 4th February 2009 the new Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research (CEER), during the conference Energiuka in Oslo.

The Centre for Renewable Energy wishes to take a strong position in relation to the new centres. 7 out of 8 new centres are connected to SFFE through SFFE's owner institutions NTNU, SINTEF and IFE. However, the centre wishes to maintain an including relationship with all the centres.

"We wish to offer a joint superstructure for the centres, promoting renewable energy research nationally and internationally", comments the manager of SFFE, Johan Hustad. SFFE will maintain the pressure on politicians and decisionmakers to increase the efforts on renewable energy. "These new centres does not mean that our job is done here", adds Hustad.

There will be a lot of coverage on the new centres in the Norwegian media in the time to come. 17th February a press seminar will be held in Trondheim, regarding the centres and the future plans.

The research centers granted are:

Research Centre for Offshore Wind Technology - SINTEF Energiforskning AS

The Norwegian Research Centre for Solar Cell Technology – IFE

Bioenergy Innovation Centre (CenBio) – UMB

Centre for Environmental Design of Renewable Energy - SINTEF Energiforskning

The research Centre on Zero Emission Buildings – NTNU

BIGCCS Centre – International CCS Research Centre – SINTEF Energiforskning

Norwegian Centre for Offshore Wind Energy – CMR

SUBsurface CO2 storage – Critical Elements and Superior Strategy – CMR

The minister published the centres together with the division leader of the Research council of Norway, Anne Kjersti Fahlvik. They emphasized, however, that these new centres only is a part of the strenghtened effort on environment-friendly energy research in Norway. Those of the applications that did not get the funding this time, will have more chances in the year to come.

180 delegates at R&D seminar on offshore wind

The Wind Energy R&D Seminar was arranged in Trondheim for the seventh time this year. The seminar, which is arranged by NTNU, SINTEF and IFE, has become a yearly event for researchers and industry within wind power in Norway. The industry is growing fast, and a lot of exciting projects are on the way. At the seminar a wide variety of presentations was given, ranging from large pilot projects as Hywind to specialized research within construction and power engineering. The optimism is strong, and the seminar gives reason to have high expectations for the years to come.



Changes in SFFE's management

Inger Andresen has retired from the management in the Centre, because she is starting in a new position in Skanska. We thank her for the great contribution she has given, especially about energy solutions for buildings.

New PhDs in the PhD pool of the Centre

SFFE was in 2008 granted support for three new PhDs, which now have been employed within different special fields at the Norwegian University of Technology and Science. They are:



Tomas Moe Skjølsvold
Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture

Tema:
Bioenergi i Norge og Sverige, sett i et samfunnsperspektiv



Ryan Bright
Industrial Ecology

Tema:
Life Cycle Assessment of Second Generation Biofuels



Tobias Aigner
Department of Power Electronics

Tema:
System impacts of large scale wind power

Conferences of current interest

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| Energiuka 2009 | 04-05.02.09 | Oslo |
| European Union Sustainable Energy Week | 09-13.02.08 | Brussel |
| Berekraftig energiframtid | 24.02.08 | Kristiansund |
| RETECH 2009 | 25-27.02.08 | Las Vegas |
| Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions | 10-12.03.09 | København |
| EWEC 2009 – Wind energy | 16-19.03.09 | Marseilles |
| OPV2009 – Solar cells materials | 19-21.03.09 | Oppdal |
| EVS 24 – Battery, Hybrid and Fuel Cells El. Vehicles | 13-16.05.09 | Stavanger |
| 3rd International Workshop on Crystalline Solar Cells | 03-05.06.09 | Trondheim |
| 9th Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference (NESS) | 10-12.06.09 | London |

Calls and positions

| EU: FP7: Energy | Deadline |
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| FP7-ENERGY-2009-2: Energy Call Part 2 | 29.04.09 |
| FP7-ENERGY-2009-BRAZIL: Energy Second Generation Biofuels - EU Brazil | 05.05.09 |
| FP7-ICT-ENERGY-2009-1: Joint call ICT & Energy 1 | 31.03.09 |
| FP7-GALILEO-2008-GSA-1: Transport | 31.03.09 |
| Forskningsrådet | |
| RENERGI: Northern European innovative energy research programme 2009 -2012 | 16.03.09 |
| INFRASTRUKTUR: Avansert vitenskapelig utstyr (2-30 mill. kr) | 22.04.09 |
| INFRASTRUKTUR: Storskala forskningsinfrastruktur (30-200 mill. kr) | 26.11.08 |
| Næringsphd: Stipend for bedrifter med ansatte som ønsker å ta doktorgrad | Løpende |
| Positions | |
| SINTEF: Forsker – Energibruk i bygninger | Løpende |
| NTNU: Ledige stillinger i Statkrafts Havenergiprogram | Løpende |

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