

World Wind Energy Conference 2004

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More than 1000 participants made the Third World Wind Energy Conference in Beijing one of the largest wind energy events ever and the largest one held outside Europe and North America. Ministers, representatives of governments and international organisations, entrepreneurs, scientists, and further leading wind energy experts from 50 countries coming from all continents have gathered together to discuss in more than 100 presentations all aspects of wind energy utilisation. 80 exhibitors covering 4500 sqm of exhibition space expressed highly satisfaction with a big number of new and promising business contacts as well as signing of several agreements on cooperation.



During his speech, Mr Shi Dinghuan, Counsellor of the State Council of China and President, China Solar Energy Association, focussed at the importance of international cooperation and networks for the dissemination of wind energy.

He highly welcomed that the WWEC 2004 will foster this cooperation and underlined that China will substantially increase its wind energy utilisation within the next years and decades.

The Energy Commissioner of the African Union, Mr Bernard Zoba, stated: "This Conference is taking place at an important time for the African Union. The African Union will play its role in pleading the case for renewable energies before the international financial institutions and development partners, with a view to mobilizing the necessary financial resources to finance them, including wind energy."



Mr Jürgen Trittin, German Minister for the Environment, stressed that his country is willing to continue its leading role in renewable energy: "We owe and will continue this rapid development primarily to the Renewable Energy Sources Act EEG." Furthermore, Trittin underlined Germany's willingness to continue to support the successful wind development in China.



Mr Svend Auken, Vice Chairman of the Danish Parliament and former Minister for Energy and Environment, pointed out that Denmark covers 45 % of the worldwide wind turbine manufacturing capacity.

After three years of stagnation, Auken showed himself optimistic and promised that his country would take leadership again.

During a governmental meeting on the occasion of the WWEC, the Chinese government confirmed to German Minister for Environment, Mr Jürgen Trittin, that China is interested in hosting the follow-up conference of the International Conference for Renewable Energies Renewables 2004.

The **World Wind Energy Award 2004**

was given for outstanding achievements to two leading German renewable energy politicians: To the Minister of Environment, Jürgen Trittin; and to the General Chairman of the World Council for Renewable Energy, Dr. Hermann Scheer, MdB.



During the WWEC closing ceremony, the World Wind Energy Honorary Award was given to Prof He Dexin, President of the Chinese Wind Energy Association, for the remarkable achievements of CWEA in the international dissemination of wind energy. In his laudatio, WWEA President Preben Maegaard stressed the importance of CWEA's contributions to paving the way for making China one of the leading wind countries worldwide and he thanked CWEA for the excellent organisation of WWEC 2004 (www.wwec2004.cn).



Preben Maegaard concluded that the WWEC 2004 has been the biggest and most successful World Wind Energy Conference and the biggest wind energy event ever held up to date outside of Europe and the US. The conference resolution which the delegates approved during the closing ceremony (available at www.wwindea.org) reflects the main conclusions of the WWEC 2004: It points at the major challenges and necessary improvements of national and international policy frameworks for an accelerated wind power dissemination and

at the necessity of intensified international cooperation in the public as well as in the private sector.

WWEA Vice President Peter Rae (Australia), taking over the World Wind Energy Conference (WWEC) torch from CWEA President, He Dexin, invited the delegates to attend the next WWEC which will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from 2-5 November 2005, in the heart of the dynamically growing Australian wind power industry (www.wwec2005.com).



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