

Conference Evaluation Report

To ensure that the EuroSun conferences continue to improve an evaluation form was provided with each delegate pack and delegates were encouraged to contribute their views and opinions on the conference. Following the conference, twenty evaluation forms were received. The feedback from these forms is evaluated below:

How satisfied were you with your experience at the Conference?

Very Satisfied	7
Satisfied	10
Not Satisfied	3

Did the Conference meet the aims and objectives expected?

The majority of respondents believed that the conference met their expectations. Comments were invited to support the delegates' opinion:

- 'Good exchange of ideas, interesting contacts with architects, interesting sun-tracking device'.
- 'Need more information about institutions eg. Universities, housing associations, which have CO2 reduction policies which are succeeding'.
- 'Continued development of schools work should be promoted through all education authorities'.
- 'Very well organised to a certain extent'.
- 'Good scientific programme, bad localities, long distances between rooms'.
- 'Mainly satisfied but some presentations were not of the standard expected'.
- 'Less reference materials available than expected'.

- 'The meeting rooms were too far from each other, too much wasted time walking and walking'.
- 'The quality of the speakers was too low, not much new, much the same as last years'.
- 'It was difficult to get to the different rooms and to the coffee breaks'.
- 'There should be much more architecture included otherwise it becomes a conference purely for scientists, researchers and engineers'.
- Slightly disappointed with the range and quality of presentations. Good for networking though.

Only one person commented that the conference did not meet their needs. The reason for this response was that in their opinion there were too few quality presentations and it was rather poorly organized.

What subjects should be included in future events?

Suggestions are listed below:

- Daylighting
- Solar destination
- Solar-gas power plants
- Offshore wind
- New technologies and products
- Storage
- Quality assurance and function control
- Solar thermal architectural building integration
- Solar power
- Architecture, design and policy
- One-day workshops either before or after the conference
- Large solar systems, District heating
- Implications of sustainability in whole life costing in CO2 manufacture costs as well as in monetary terms



Delegates heard about the conference through the following means:

- Written announcements
- Conference website (4)
- SNI, Scotland
- Member of ISES (2)
- ISES website
- Research leaders
- Colleagues
- Previous conference
- Member of ISES-Europe
- Email newsletter
- EuroSolar

Additional suggestions / comments

Further comments were encouraged:

- 'The staff were friendly and the organisation fine'.
- 'The presentation of oral papers was too short'.
- 'Put conference rooms closer'.
- 'Food was quite poor and session room too far apart'.
- 'Better internet connection'.
- 'A wonderful conference, hope to have more chances to contact with industries in solar energy'.
- 'Posters should be presented in a lecture theatre'.
- 'All the organising and crew people were very friendly and helpful, very warm welcome. Thanks'.
- 'If want to attract more disciplines to the conference then the policy and education strand will need to be expanded'.



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- 'Abstracts should be on a pdf or disc so that paper and energy are not wasted'.
- 'Commendations on venue choice and access to venue by foot, excellent'.
- 'Rather than taking in all papers, make sure that it is new scientific or relevant work that is being presented. I really believe that there is a need to raise the level of quality at EuroSun in order to attract more participants and keep the conference running successfully in the future. Need more international high profile and good speakers such as:

Alexander Tombazis

Roberto Vigotti

Lex Bosselaar'.

- 'Prepare advertising for local authority and university circuits directed at named individuals'.
- 'It was a fine achievement, programme and abstracts were excellent'.
- 'Have recycling and friendly reviewing'.
- 'Thanks for a couple of fine days in Glasgow'.
- 'I don't have the solution but it's my feeling that we need to cooperate to improve the 'quality', the 'focus' and the 'participation' in conferences in the 'solar' field in general. Make a European conference plan including an agenda, better marketing and promotion of conferences, conference proceedings and scientific journals'.

Permission was given from the following delegates to add them to the circulation list for future events:

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Several of the delegates requested information to be sent to them with regards membership for ISES, UK-ISES and SSEG, these are detailed below:

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Summary

In summary, of those delegates who responded, the vast majority were satisfied with the conference and it met their expectations. Good networking opportunities were available and the programme was commended. In future the conference should be held at a venue with session rooms of a closer proximity and the standard of presentations should be closely observed.

