

Looking forward to 2009



This number 4 issue of volume 18 of EPE Journal, as usual, makes the link between the past and the coming year. At this time of the year it is usual to have a look at past events, draw conclusions and confirm or adjust the plans for the year to come.

Prepared in 2008, read in 2009, this editorial will unveil the many events that will take place in 2009.

So do not forget to mark your diaries.

2008 has seen the 1st EPE Chapter Seminar “Wind Power to the Grid” organized by its Wind Energy Chapter, chaired by Prof. Tore Undeland, NTNU, Norway, on 23 and 24 April this year, in Delft, The Netherlands. Two fruitful days of presentations and discussion where industry and academia, especially PhD students could meet and network.

Later, from 1 to 3 September, our colleagues from Poznan led by Prof. Krzysztof Zawirski, organized an excellent edition of the EPE-PEMC conference with 417 presented papers and more than 500 registered participants.

EPE Journal has been indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded, ISI Alerting Services, Current contents / Engineering, Computing, and Technology since Vol. 15(1) 2005. So the 1st impact factor was published this year: a still modest 0.2! Worth noticing that only cross referencing between publications are valid, so publishing in the EPE Journal referencing your IEEE publications and reverse might prove useful.

Last but not least, answering an invitation from IEEE-PELS to join forces to organize together the European Conference on Power Electronics and Applications, the Executive Council of EPE has been negotiating a contract with IEEE-PELS that should be finalized in the first months of 2009.

This leads me to the events we look forward to in 2009.

Indeed, EPE 2009, 8 to 10 September in Barcelona, will be THE event of the year. While I am writing these sentences, the very last synopses are uploaded. Topic chairs are sending the proposals for review and the final decisions will be taken during the International Steering Committee meeting on 3 and 4 February. Authors will be notified shortly after.

Before this main event, the 2nd EPE Wind Energy Chapter Seminar will take place in Stockholm on 23 and 24 April 2009. The programme is close to be finalized and looks really interesting. Stockholm being a very pleasant city, the seminar will surely be worth attending!

EPE is also technical sponsor of various events on related topics:

- the 3rd international conference APE - Automotive Power Electronics that will take place on 25 & 26 March 2009 in Paris;
- the 24th Electric Vehicle Symposium, EVS-24, organised in Stavanger from 13 to 16 May 2009; and ELECTROMOTION 2009, organized in Lille, France from 1 to 3 July 2009, joint symposium with the EPE Chapter on Drives.

These are plenty of opportunities to meet colleagues, exchange ideas in the particular topics you are working on. May the year 2009 be good to all of you.

In the meantime, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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