The EPE Conference, European Conference on Power Electronics and Applications, becomes the EPE-ECCE Europe Congress, 'EPE-Energy Conversion Congress and Expo' for Europe

EPE 2011 welcomed over 1000 participants in Birmingham from 30 August to 1 September. As the result of the long negotiation process that ended with the contract's signature reported in EPE Journal Vol. 20 no 4, this conference was the first to be organized in the new framework established between EPE and IEEE-PELS.

From now on, the name of the conference will be EPE-ECCE Europe. This new name and new brand confirm the worldwide coordination of the largest conferences on Power Electronics and Applications. Strong links are esta-blished between EPE-ECCE Europe, ECCE Asia and ECCE-America. A coordination committee ensures proper scheduling of the conferences to offer participants the chance to attend the events(s) of their choice without being prevented to do so by overlapping schedules.

By joining the ECCE initiative that links the main conferences of the world and brings around the same table the leading experts in our field, we strive to improve the quality of our events, of the exchanged information and to increase the networking opportunities.

In Birmingham, the new EPE-ECCE Europe flag was floating and it has been officially handed out to the organisers of the next ECCE Europe conferences:

- in 2012, in Novi Sad, Serbia, from 4 to 6 September 2012, EPE-PEMC 2012 will be organized under the ECCE Europe umbrella
- in 2013, in Lille, France, from 3 to 5 September 2013, the next EPE-ECCE Europe congress.

Announcement and Call for papers are included in this issue. Update your diaries to make sure to join!



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