

EPE Association, EPE ECCE Europe: plans for the coming years

EPE '13 ECCE Europe closed its doors on Thursday 5 September with a nice feeling of well-done work. Despite the unusual and sometimes unbearable heat, technical exchanges have been intense and the average technical level was good. Lecture and dialogue sessions are highly valued and there seems to be a general request to give more time to dialogue sessions. We are compiling the results of the received enquiries and will see that the organization of the next conference will take the remarks into account.

EPE '13 in Lille was the third conference with the ECCE Europe logo. The previous editions were indeed EPE '11 ECCE Europe in Birmingham and EPE-PEMC 2012 ECCE Europe in Novi Sad. From now on, the EPE ECCE Europe Conference is a yearly conference in the frame of the ECCE series initiated by IEEE-PELS (ECCE stands for Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition), with sisters' events ECCE USA and ECCE Asia. EPE and IEEE PELS joined forces to offer to the Power Electronics community a flagship event in Europe, the event not to be missed, the place to be in the early fall.

The next editions are already planned:

- 2014 will visit Finland and Lappeenranta, 26 to 28 August, with a strong industrial participation (www.epe2014.com), make sure to meet the deadline with your synopsis;
- 2015 will go to Geneva, Switzerland, 8 to 10 September; do not forget to mark your diaries already! (www.epe2015.com)

As two Societies are sponsoring the event, the coordination of the edition is taken care of by the so-called 'Coordination committee' where EPE and PELS officers meet to discuss the proposed venues and plan the future editions. A wide call for proposals is being launched among the colleagues to initiate good proposals to host the future editions of EPE ECCE Europe. Details can be found on page 13 of this issue.

Another highlight of the Association life was the awards ceremony where EPE and PELS distinctions were bestowed on outstanding personalities of the field (see page 5).

During the conference, the General Assembly of the EPE Association held its legal annual meeting to approve the management of the association, the accounts and elect the new officers. The list of the new Executive Council is published on page 6.

Last but not least, in 2014 EPE Association will celebrate 25 years of existence. You might not be aware of the importance of the Association. You come to the conference and read the EPE Journal. Actually, these rather obvious activities would not be possible without the Association and its legal bodies. The 25th anniversary will see a number of events organized in Brussels and in Lappeenranta. Details will be made known through the EPE Newsletter.

And on top of this, 2015 will see the celebration of 30 years EPE conference!

Stay in touch!



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