

At the turn of the year, I like to look back one last time to the events that crowded 2013 before taking a look to what will make 2014 so interesting.

EPE '13 ECCE Europe highlighted the whole year as it took a lot of efforts to be organized. Final figures speak themselves:

634 papers were presented, 188 in lecture sessions and 446 in dialogue. France was the most represented country with 118 papers, followed by Germany with 93 papers. Next represented countries were: Japan (59), United Kingdom (42), Denmark (28), Spain (26), Switzerland (24), Finland (22), China (21), Brazil (18), Sweden, The Netherlands and Italy (15 each), etc.... 1089 participants came on site to attend the conference. Origin of participants were similar to the one of the papers with a majority of participants from France, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, Nordic countries, Benelux, etc...

41% of the papers were either industry papers or papers from university/industry collaboration. This is a quite stable figure along the editions.

Concerning the various topics, a majority of papers were related to 'Generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy', including 'renewables'. Since 2005 this topic has become larger than 'Electrical machines, adjustable speed drives and high efficiency drives'. The number of papers discussing 'Power electronics and drives in transportation technologies' is steadily increasing since 2005. Other topics are quite stable in numbers.

Lecture presentations given in the main hall, Vauban, were captured on video and are available on the conference website, as well as the keynote presentations we were authorized to make publicly available: there is still material to be discovered on the Internet! <http://www.epe2013.com>

This was 2013! In 2014, we will meet in Lappeenranta. The Call for papers closed on 15 December with the following figures: 580 papers were uploaded, which indicates that we can expect 600 to 700 participants: a perfect number for the chosen venue, the Lappeenranta University of Technology! The new topic list makes comparison with previous editions difficult, here are the figures per topic:

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A record number of papers were received from Finland, China, Nordic countries, whereas the largest number was received from Germany. 35 % of the papers were submitted by the industry.

Concerning the exhibition, a number of exhibitors already signed up again. The organizing team is keen to offer the best possible conditions to favour contact between industry and university participants. After completion of the reviewing process, authors will be notified around 1 March 2014 and the provisional programme will be built.

The local team is working hard to make your visit to Lappeenranta an unforgettable experience. A lot of information is already available the conference Internet site: <http://www.epe2014.com>. Do not wait any longer to visit the site to make sure you take all possible advantages from your trip!

Last but not least, in 2014 the EPE Association will celebrate 25 years of existence. The Board of the Association is planning a number of activities 'for members only'!!! So make sure you did renew (or request) membership!

And as ever:

