

Some insights in past and future power electronics events

2000 was a kind of special year. After the Conference in Lausanne, it was a difficult undertaking to keep at pace and propose attractive new events, a punctual and interesting journal, ... Also the fuss made around "2000" managed for additional stress. Now it is almost over, time for reflection and new inspiration, time for initiatives.

What was remarkable in 2000?

The EPE journal became a real quarterly journal. It has been a long way to get there, but here we are. The editorial planning for 2001 is set; there is still space for very good papers to be published. Guidelines are on p. 15. The courses programme resumed as was announced in the April issue and more will come.

In September some of us gathered in Košice for another edition of the EPE-PEMC conference. The venue was nice and our colleagues from the Slovak Republic welcomed us very warmly. The conference was interesting and there are plans to continue to improve the quality of this conference to make it even more attractive to the Western European industry.

In October, Rome welcomed us for the World Conference on Industrial Applications of Electrical Energy. The conference was a success and, amazingly enough, attracted contributions from Europe, the America's and Asia in equivalent proportions. The city was very attractive and many participants took plenty of time to see the sights.

How about 2001?

Will you be at EPE 2001 in Graz? We have reached the 1000 submitted abstracts. Again an absolute record. The deadline is over and papers are in the reviewing phase. As an author, there is no need any more to surf on the host. There will be no news until the final decision is taken during the ISC meeting in January 2001. Deadline for notification of acceptance is 10 February 2001. We will let you know the final decision by e-mail around that time.

The "Call for Tutorials" is still open. Good proposals are still expected. Do you have preferences? Special needs? Please let us know; use the reader service card!

Graz is preparing to welcome you. The Congress centre, the numerous hotels and restaurants, the attractive old town, the nice looking surrounding area, ...


Make sure you will not miss the event. Put a mark in you agenda on **25 to 29 August 2001** for the tutorials, the conference and exhibition!

Next March, in Liège, Belgium, a Symposium devoted to the use of Information Technologies in Power Engineering Education will take place from the 14th to the 16th. A short version of the provisional programme is available in this issue (p. 73). The programme has been difficult to set up. Much interest but little experience to share. Lots of "I have no time" responses. Anyway, the programme is now almost set. Several interesting panel discussions, many workshops and demonstrations, lecturers from everywhere in the world to share experience. $E = T_e M^2$ has become the place to be in March, especially with the close connection to the Electralis "Campus" event, where numerous state of the art projects involving electricity will be shown.

We will see each other there! Mark your agenda: **14 to 16 March 2001** in Liège.

EPE Courses? EPE Association is setting up a range of courses to be given all year round everywhere in Europe. Several projects are on the way in Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, and there will probably be even more to announce in the coming months. Stay in touch!

As this is the last issue of this year, please accept my very best wishes for the New Year, the new century and new millennium, for you and your family. Let it be a year of fulfilling in your private and professional lives; a year of peace, tolerance and solidarity.



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