

Welcome to EPE'2007 in Denmark - Aalborg



It is an honor for me to invite the whole power electronics community to join the European Power Electronics and Adjustable Speed Drives Conference (EPE'2007) held in Aalborg, Denmark, from September 2 to September 5, 2007 in order to exchange ideas/views on research progresses and technological developments in all related matters for power electronics. We have received more than 950 synopsis and about 650 papers are selected for publication in the field of power electronics and its application. We expect more than 900 participants from all over the world enjoying Aalborg and the spirit on EPE'2007 as one of the leading power electronics conferences.

Denmark is one of the frontiers in renewable energy and distributed generation and today about 20 % of all electrical energy is covered by wind and further 30 % is covered by small combined heat and power plants which is a record in this scale. Further due to energy saving programmes the use of electricity has almost been constant even though production and population have increased. Europe has set up new energy targets and Denmark has the goal still to be one of the leading countries in the world. These issues will of course be addressed at the EPE'2007 conference which is sponsored by the EPE Association and will be held in the Aalborg Congress & Culture Centre – a perfect place for large conferences which is located in the center of Aalborg. The conference is organized with 5-6 tutorials on Sunday - where we hope to see many participants. During the three days of main conference we will have about 160 papers for oral sessions – done in the morning through six parallel tracks. In the afternoon dialogue sessions will take place. One of the highlights will be Monday where many high level technical papers will be presented in wind energy including many companies. Also other fields like drives, automotive, custom power systems, new devices will be very interesting. In the late afternoon different workshops will be held in power electronics in power systems, education and also we will try to organize a match-making workshop in order to make joint projects for international programmes. Through the conference an exhibition will be held and we still have room for a few more (see at our web-site for information).

On Monday and Tuesday social activities will be held as well as spouse tours are arranged. Please follow it carefully on the web-site (www.epe2007.com). Thursday is allocated for industrial tours where visits to high-tech power electronic companies like Vestas Wind Systems (www.vestas.com) and Grundfos (www.grundfos.com) are organized. Also a special wind turbine site visit will be arranged and a trip to Aalborg University Campus to see our facilities can be joined.

We hope you will spend extra time with your family in Aalborg. The city is beautiful and lively, steeped in history and rich in great experiences, located by the banks of the rolling Limfjord. It was the Vikings who founded a settlement at this point where the Limfjord is narrowest, and through the years, the city developed into one of the busiest trading centre's in the country. We are close to the beach and easy trips can also be arranged to different cultural sites around Denmark. Aalborg has excellent flight connections through Copenhagen with about twenty daily arrivals which make it easy to come to Aalborg. The airport is located 6 km from hotels and conference site.

We welcome you all to Denmark.

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