

Final Report : World Renewable Energy Congress 2008, 19-25 July, Glasgow, Scotland

The Congress was attended by 850 participants from 88 countries. It was held from Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July and consisted of plenary sessions, where keynote speakers presented their contributions and 10 parallel sessions where different technical contributions were presented.

The Congress also consisted of an opening ceremony where important sponsors, speakers and government official presented their contributions. The UNESCO presentation was given by Dr Osman Benchikh, and was well appreciated by all the participants. UNESCO also sponsored two participants to the Congress, one from Morocco and one from Algeria.

The Congress was opened by The Right Honourable, MP Alex Salmond, the First Minister of Scotland.

Among the opening speakers were: Prof Ali Sayigh – Congress Chairman, Prof Jim McDonald – Deputy Principal University of Strathclyde, H E Dr Abdulaziz Altwaijri – Director General of ISESCO (Dr Faiq Billal gave his talk), Mr Walter Erdelen – UNESCO Assistant Director General for natural sciences (Dr Osman Benchikh gave his talk), M Raffael Librali – EU Director for Energy (Mr Bruno Schmitz gave his talk), Dr Peter Bonfield – Chief Executive Officer of BRE, Prof K R Sreenivasan – Director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics Trieste, Mr Majid Al Mansouri – Secretary General Environmental Agency Abu Dhabi, and Ms Truska Angel Head of Climate Change – AXA.

Dr Benchick also chaired the first session on Monday (11:40- 13:30) where three top speakers presented their contributions.

The technical sessions were: Policy Issues; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Solar Materials; Biomass Technology; Energy and Gender - Equitable Development; Marine and Ocean Energy Technology; Solar Thermal Applications; Wind Energy Applications; Photovoltaic Technology; and Solar Radiation and Related Topics.

There were two workshops, a EUROPEAN WORKSHOP which was held on Tuesday and Wednesday and was organized by the European Commission. The second workshop was on Energy and Gender and took place on Sunday before the Congress.

The Congress budget was US \$ 600,000 and we are grateful for UNESCO sponsorship. The number of abstracts accepted was 850 and the number of papers included in the congress CD-ROM were 560 papers covering all the 10 sections.

The congress main output was:

1. We must address the issue of Climate Change urgently and effectively.
2. We must educate policy makers that the concept of “Renewable Energy “ is important and must be used at large scale.
3. We must make use of all advancement and technology to find a solution to reduce the dependency on Fossil Fuels.
4. Keep having meetings and workshops so that networking and education in Renewable Energy are achieved.

Our next Congress will be in September 25-30, 2010 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

World Renewable Energy Congress & WREN Activities
2007-2008

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MAIN ACTIVITIES ARE DIVIDED INTO 5 – ITEMS

1- Seminars and Workshops.

2- Regional Conferences

3- Journal Publications

4- Book Publications

5- Main Biannual Congresses



WREN International Seminar in Britain
October 2007

ICTP Top Experts Meeting on
Renewable Energy





Perth Australia February 2007



Taiwan November 2007



Jakarta Indonesia – October 2007





Abu-Dhabi Environment 2007
January 2007

MENAREC Damascus Syria June 2007



Keynote Lecture on the importance of Renewable Energy for the GCC States, Centre for the GCC Studies, Abu Dhabi December 2007





Lecture on Renewable Energy at Bristol University February 2008 for IET

UN ESCAP Lecture Bangkok Thailand June 2007





Athens Summit Greece, May 2008

Sobar Univ., Oman Symposium
March 2007





G8 UNESCO World Forum, Trieste, Italy, May 2007





WREN Trustees Meeting July 2008

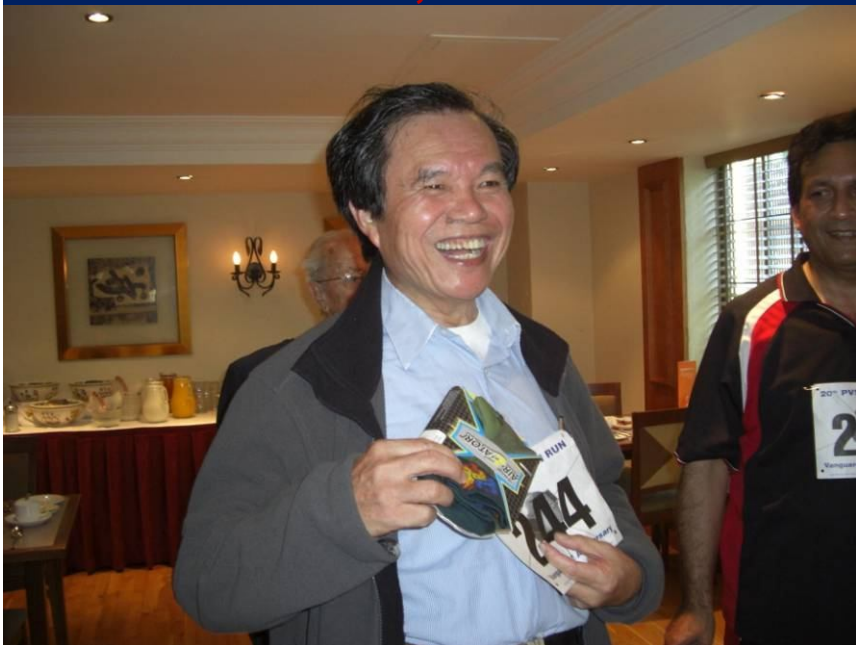
Saturday 19 July, WREN COUNCIL MEETING







Sunday 20 – THREE MILE RACE – Conducted by Dr Larry Kazmerski, NREL



**EGED Workshop
Sunday, July 20, 2008**



EGED Workshop Sunday, July 20, 2008



EGED Sessions





**Sunday Registration and Civic
RECEPTION**



OPENING SESSION



First Minister of Scotland
Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond





Director of BRE

**Vice Chancellor of
Strathclyde**



Chairman of WREC

Director of Energy UNESCO



Director of Energy EC

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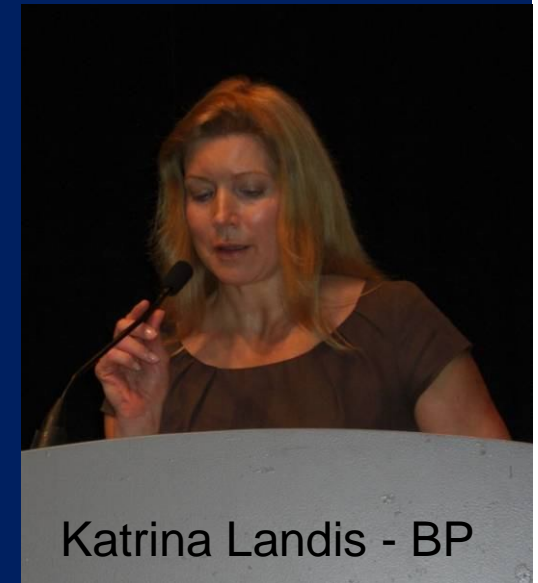
Hong Jin - China



Gudni Johannesson -Iceland



Rubin P Diehl F -Brazil



Katrina Landis - BP

Brazil Minister Receiving Ali Sayigh/ WREC Trophy
For the best Country using R E during 2007/8



Prof Irene Alicia Blasco Lucas from Argentine receiving her Pioneering Award from Prof Sayigh



Monday Special Dinner & Award for services to Renewable Energy Presented to H E Dr Altwajri – ISESCO & Dr Dan Arvizu - NREL





Brazilian Community



M. Santamouris & G A Johannesson



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Delegates from Barbados, Mongolia, Sweden, Egypt, Kenya, Italy, UK & Philippines

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