



ISLENET

European Islands Network on Energy & Environment



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A word from the Manager

Dear Readers,

This issue is dedicated to the ISLENET Conference held in Brussels at the end of March. I am grateful to all of you who came in numbers to attend and contribute to the success of the event. I am also grateful to the Intelligent Energy for Europe programme that supported financially and contributed to the conference with the presence of a number of senior Commission and IEA officials.

I remain optimistic that the network has been reinvigorated and strengthened in carrying out its future work and in achieving its long-term objectives.

Our mission is to support the work of European island communities and to continue working with them in their path to achieving their objectives towards more sustainability and energy self-sufficiency.

I will keep you informed on the outcome of the Crete Conference of the Islands Commission, where I hope we will obtain a strong endorsement of our proposals, including our Action Plan which will allow us to carry forward with our work and common objectives.

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ISLENET is a campaign associate of
Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008

ISLENET held its 2006 conference in Brussels

The two-day event took place on 28-29 March 2006 at the Scotland House (Rond Point Schuman) in Brussels. It was co-financed by the European Commission's **Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme** and the Western Isles Council.

The Conference was dedicated to the Benefits of the use of Sustainable Energy Systems and their integration in island communities.

The main objectives of the ISLENET Conference were :

- The future strategy for accelerated penetration of sustainable energy systems in islands communities,
- The ways to promote and demonstrate leading edge sustainable energy technologies in European islands, and
- The strengthening of the ISLENET network of local island authorities.

The event was well attended with a wide participation of approximately 20 island representatives, Members of the European Parliament, senior European Commission officials and the industry.

Highlights of the topics addressed:

- European islands in promoting renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and environmental management - Towards 100% renewable energy islands: feasible or a utopia?
- Islands working together towards achieving sustainable communities: LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER
- European islands as promoters of advanced sustainable energy technologies
- Renewable energies and energy efficiency in the framework of insularity
- ISLENET, a network of European islands, its present role and future perspectives



William Gillett, Head of Unit, Intelligent Energy Executive Agency and José Manuel Melim Mendes, Executive Vice-President, AREAM, Madeira, Portugal at the ISLENET Conference

All presentations are available:

Please consult our website www.islenet.net

for more information about the conference and other related issues.

You may download the following:

- ❖ **The presentations**
- ❖ **The Press Release in English**
- ❖ **The Press Release in French**

For video-on-demand, please consult the Managenergy site:

- Day 1**
- Day 2**



ISLENET Conference delegates at the Scotland House

The outcome of the ISLENET conference

- Continued close cooperation with island authorities and energy agencies promoting sustainable energy systems and energy efficiency
- The preparation of an Action Plan to be presented at the upcoming meeting of the Islands Commission, CPMR in Crete, Greece 11-12 May 2006

ISLENET HAS A NEW LOGO

Islenet introduced a new logo and an upgraded website. The web address remains the same:

Both www.islenet.net and www.europeanislands.net point to the same site.

We welcome your comments and contributions. Please send us your local stories, pictures or any other relevant announcements you would wish to communicate to the members of our network.

FUTURE EVENTS



❖ 11/12 May 2006, Heraklion, Crete, Greece: Islands Commission, CPMR

The 26th Annual meeting of the Islands Commission will take place with main theme: "WHAT ROLE FOR THE ISLANDS IN A EUROPE OF THE SEA?"

For more information:

<http://www.islandscommission.org/en/>



❖ 30 May 2006, Brussels, 'Intelligent Energy – Europe' (IEE) is holding its Annual Conference and European Info Day 2006 with the theme: 'Converting Policy to Action'

The 'Intelligent Energy – Europe' (IEE) Programme is a main means of converting EU policy for smart energy use and more renewables into action on the ground, addressing today's energy challenges and promoting business opportunities and new technologies.

More information, draft programme and online registration form:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/events/infodays_en.htm

For those who cannot attend: The morning session will be broadcast live on the internet by ManagEnergy.TV.

❖ 19-25 August 2006, Florence: The World Renewables Energy Congress Exhibition

ABITA Interuniversity Research Center University of Florence will host the IXth edition of World Renewable Energy Congress Exhibition and Awards.

For more information: <http://www.wrec2006.com/>

❖ 16-22 September 2006, Mobility Week



On-line registration for the event is now open:

<http://www.mobilityweek-europe.org/>

From 16th to 22nd September 2006 European citizens will have the opportunity to enjoy a full week of events dedicated to sustainable mobility.