



KORANET

Korean scientific cooperation network with the European Research Area

An initiative to intensify and strengthen the regional S&T cooperation between Korea and the ERA

KORANET conference on Green Technology

The first annual KORANET conference took place on 14 October 2009 in Seoul/Korea. It focused on the topic of ‘Green Technology – Sustainable Energy Solutions’ that is high on the agenda in both Europe and Korea. The conference was split in two sessions dealing with ‘Renewable Energy’ and ‘Next-generation battery / Energy Storage and Conversion’. Issues such as current and emerging technologies in green energy (renewable energy sources, alternate fuel technologies, energy usage reduction technologies and horizontal aspects in green technologies (certification, standardisation, and IPR compliances) were discussed.

Around 80 participants from Korea and Europe attended the conference. They included researchers, policymakers and programme owners from the EU and Korea involved in green technologies as well as the partners of the KORANET project. Participants were welcomed by distinguished speakers such as Prof. Chan-Mo Park, President of the National Research Foundation Korea, Dr. Eun-Woo Lee, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, the EU ambassador to Korea HE Brian McDonald and HE Pekka Wuoristo, Finnish ambassador to Seoul.



Prof. Chan-Mo Park, NRF



HE Mr. Brian McDonald, EU ambassador to Korea

Scientific speakers were Dr. E.J. Lee (Korea Institute of Energy Research, KIER), Dr. Martin Hoppe-Kilpper (deENet, *Kompetenznetzwerk Dezentrale Energietechnologien e.V.* Germany), Dr. Soon-Man Kwon (Korea Electro-technology Research Institute, KERI), Dr. Kyung-Joong Kim (Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science, KRISS), Dr. Markku Käsäkoski (Technical Research Centre of Finland), Dr. Geun-Chang Chung (LG Chem Research Park), Dr. Suha Yazici

(International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies, UNIDO-ICHET), Dr. Tae-Hoon Lim (Korea Institute of Science and Technology, KIST) and Dr. Peter Ganea from the German Goethe-University.



Conference participants

The KORANET conference was preceded by two days of working meetings of the KORANET partners and followed by a scientific visit to different Korean research institutions, i.e. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER), HYNIX semiconductor and Korea Advanced Nano Fab Center (KANC).

The detailed agenda of the conference is available at the 'Events' section of the project website www.koranet.eu.



Conference speakers

Background information:

KORANET is a four-year ERA-NET project financed by the 7th Framework Programme on Research and Development of the EU. Eleven partners from nine European countries and Korea form the consortium of the project. With the help of several analytical exercises (mappings, foresight studies and other reports), the establishment of a Pilot Funding Scheme and a Joint Funding Programme as well as several joint activities (conferences, workshops and brokerage events) the KORANET project aims at enhancing the S&T cooperation between European countries and Korea, building a sustainable and coordinated common European research area and increasing the Korean participation in the 7th Research Framework Programme.

For further information on the KORANET project please check out the project website www.koranet.eu or contact:

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