

POWEREXPO+ 2008 BIGGER AND BETTER IN EVERY ASPECT

The 6th edition of PowerEXPO+ 2008 takes place from September 24 to 26 at the Zaragoza Trade Fair Centre. It promises to be the professional, commercial and technological highlight of the year for the Spanish energy sector and it will also have considerable international impact.

PowerEXPO + 2008 will be bigger than ever in terms of exhibitors and floor space. Earlier this year, the steering committee announced that a large and perfectly appointed new pavilion would provide the extra display space required for this year's event.

Preparations for PowerEXPO + 2008 are at an advanced stage. Currently available data on participation and display space suggests that this will once again be a record-breaking edition in terms of participating companies and visiting professionals. Six months prior to the opening, participation is up 40% on the last edition, which in turn was double that of the previous show. The exhibition area will also be bigger and pavilion number 2 has been added to the three pavilions used to house the 2006 event. There will also be additional outdoor space to showcase the most spectacular equipment, such as mounting cranes, solar trackers for photovoltaic arrays and other large components.

This spectacular growth in participation and the resulting need to extend exhibition space shows the importance of the event and the ever-growing interest PowerEXPO generates year after year in the energy sector and sub-sectors.

Power EXPO is now the sector's most prestigious and best supported fair with respect to both public and private entities. The active involvement of the different energy sectors through their sectoral associations has made PowerEXPO the ideal platform to promote new projects and encourage cooperation and business amongst companies, whilst at the same time creating greater awareness of energy-related issues.

The latest in all technologies

Because it represents a magnificent shop-window for the latest international technological innovations, PowerEXPO + 2008 will boast the presence of all efficient and sustainable energies. The leading companies will display their latest innovations and developments in all sub-sectors, with pride of place going to wind, solar and hydrogen energy technologies.

Wind energy will continue to capture a great deal of attention at PowerEXPO + 2008, due to its market prominence and the great technological advances in the field of aerogenerators. In addition to the large established manufacturers, this sector will see the participation of new market entrants, undoubtedly attracted by the numerous business opportunities afforded by wind energy. These new companies will also present interesting innovations. Special mention must be given to the celebration of the AEE's (Wind Energy Business Association) Fourth Technical Seminar.

Solar energy will be another important sector at the show, with innovations on view in all areas (solar thermal, photovoltaic and thermosolar energies). In addition to the equipment and component manufacturers of these three technologies, the show will also enjoy the presence of Protermosolar, the sector's most important association, and its leading member companies. With regard to solar thermal energy, the simultaneous holding of the Ecobuilding, International Exhibition and Conference on Bioclimatic Architecture, Sustainable Construction and Energy Efficiency in Buildings, will ensure a strong presence of architectural and engineering professionals. These are the main promoters of this type of energy in residential construction and such energy is also mandatory under the CTE (building regulations governing technical standards) and the energy rating and classification of buildings.

Another new participant of note will be the Fundación para el Desarrollo de las Nuevas Tecnologías del Hidrógeno en Aragón (Foundation for the Development of New Hydrogen Technologies in Aragón), which until now has participated only in congresses, meetings and seminars of a strictly academic nature. This will be The Foundation's first participation at a fair within the commercial and industrial sector. More than 20 companies and entities will display their technologies and equipment in the First Collective Exhibition of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells.

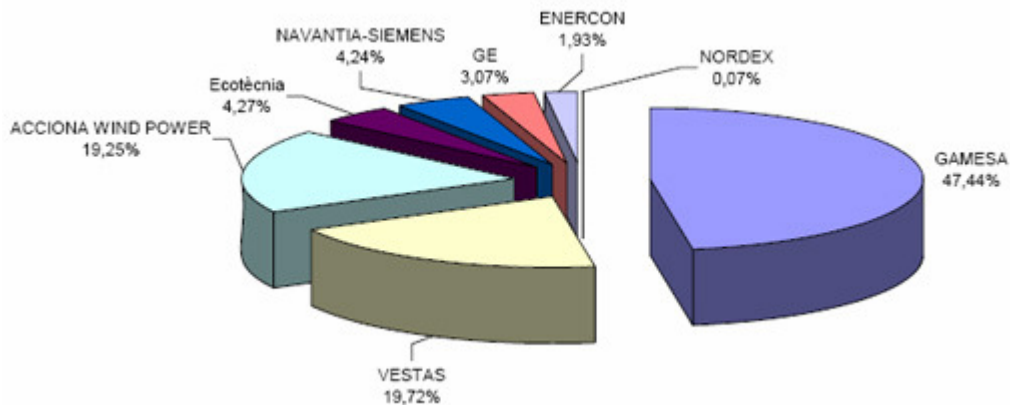


Also within the framework of PowerEXPO + 2008, la Asociación Española de Pilas de Combustible (Spanish Fuel Cell Association - APPICE) will hold its Third National Fuel Cell Congress (CONAPPICE 2008)



The Spanish wind energy market attracts new suppliers

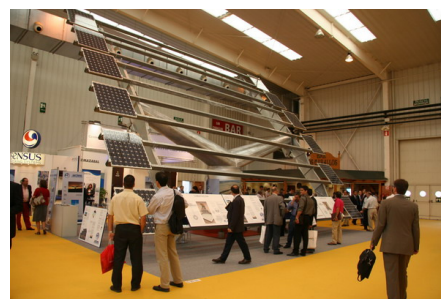
Spain is making great strides in wind energy and the Spanish market is now an extremely attractive one for aerogenerator suppliers. According to AEE data, Spain was Europe's leading country in terms of wind energy installation in 2007, with an installed capacity of 3,522.9 MWs and growth of 30%. The dynamism of a still-young and rapidly growing Spanish market, in contrast to the already mature German market, makes it a prime objective for both new and established suppliers. Despite the emergence of new players in the market, Spain's GAMESA is still the market leader. With 1,670.79 MWs, representing 47.44% of the total, it was responsible for almost half of Spain's new installed capacity in 2007. Second place went to VESTAS with a capacity of almost 700 MWs, representing 19.72% of the total. This was more than three times its 2006 figure. Third place was occupied by ACCIONA WIND POWER with 678 MWs of installed capacity in 2007, representing 19.25% of the total Spanish market. This can be regarded as a definitive consolidation of its position in the market. At some distance from the three market leaders were Ecotècnia (4.27%), Navantia-Siemens (4.24%), GE (3.07%), Germany's Enercon (1.93%) and the Danish supplier Nordex (0.07%).



Source: AEE

PowerEXPO + 2008: an event of crucial importance to the sector

In both the domestic and international context of constant development and endeavour in the search for efficient energy, savings and environmental enhancement, PowerEXPO + 2008 has the dual role of being a driving force behind the technological advances needed to achieve these objectives and a highly specialised international forum to generate business opportunities for the sector. Efficient and sustainable energy and the industry behind it have embarked on an unstoppable race towards the future, driven by stricter regulations, the need for increasingly innovative technical developments and ever-more competitive markets. All this makes the September 2008 event a unique and not-to-be-missed occasion that will be graced by the top professionals and enterprises in the international energy sector.



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