

Premiere at IFAT 2008: The Research & Education Area

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At IFAT, which takes place from 5 to 9 May 2008 in Munich, a new section is being set up, called the 'Research & Education Area'. Here universities and research institutes will be presenting their ongoing projects and findings on around 270 square metres of exhibition space in Hall B6.

In total around 30 research establishments and universities from nine countries have registered to take part in this 'Research & Education Area'. The nine countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Indonesia and the Slovak Republic. The initiator and organiser of this new section is Prof. Dr. Ing. F. Wolfgang Günthert, Professor of Residential Water Management and Waste Treatment at the Institute of Water Engineering at the University of the Bundeswehr in Munich.

"As a member of the IFAT Advisory Board, a university professor in Munich with many years of experience working with industry and as one who has known IFAT since the 1970s, it seemed a logical step for me to present the idea for the Research & Education Area to Messe München. I am very happy it has been taken up and, in view of the fact that this is the first time it is being organised, participation levels are very good," said Günthert.

Visitors to IFAT 2008 who want to review what's happening in current research projects, take a look at visions for the future in the field of environmental technology, or investigate further training opportunities at a range of universities will find the Research & Education Area an ideal place for in-depth discussions with experts in the sector.

Companies, too, will benefit from the Research & Education Area: Universities and research institutes are after all constantly developing new techniques and procedures that can be used by industry. Companies will also have the chance of finding out in-depth at the stands of the universities about these new developments. At the same time they can seek out suitable partners for their research, education and further training activities. These contacts will also help the companies, with the support of the partner institutes abroad, to place their products and establish them on the market.

The Research & Education Area thus offers a unique platform for visitors and exhibitors to exchange information and establish new contacts with the goal of entering into future cooperations.

One excellent opportunity for doing just that is offered by the get-together being held on Tuesday, 6 May at 16:30 in the Research & Education Area. All interested visitors and companies are welcome to come along.

The opening press conference for IFAT 2008 takes place on 5 May 2008 in the forum in Hall A4, starting at 11:30. For further information go to: www.ifat.de/en/Press/PressCalendar

You can also as of now obtain advance accreditation for the fair, at:
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IFAT, the 15th International Trade Fair for Water – Sewage – Refuse – Recycling, takes place at the New Munich Trade Fair Centre from 5 to 9 May 2008. It is the world's most important trade fair for innovations and new developments in the fields of water, sewage, refuse and recycling. The event offers an attractive exhibition programme featuring state-of-the-art technology,

a broad range of professional services for water, sewage and refuse management and many interesting information events. In 2005 the exhibition attracted a new record number of participants with 2,223 exhibitors from 36 countries and 109,000 trade visitors from 166 nations.

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