

## IFAT 2008 – Record growth

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IFAT 2008, the 15th International Trade Fair for Water – Sewage – Refuse – Recycling, which takes place from 5 to 9 May at the New Munich Trade Fair Centre, is setting new records.

In comparison to the last IFAT, the number of exhibitors at IFAT 2008 has risen to 2,575. That's over 350 more exhibitors, a rise of almost 16 percent on last time. The space booked has also increased, by 22,000 square metres to a total of 192,000 square metres.

“This makes IFAT 2008 not only the biggest IFAT so far, but also the biggest and most important environmental trade fair worldwide,” said Eugen Egetenmeir, Deputy Managing Director of Messe München GmbH.

Dr Johannes F. Kirchhoff, Chairman of the IFAT Advisory Board, sees the global context as critical in mastering urgent environmental problems: “Sustainable action for the benefit of our environment is what is called for now and in future, in order to secure the peaceful continuation of human life on this planet. At IFAT 2008 the manufacturers of products and processes, the planners, service-providers, operators and financiers of the supply and disposal industry, which is so important for our environment, will be presenting their innovative products and concepts. The best in the exhibiting segments will be meeting up in Munich. IFAT will be well worth a visit.”

It is also very pleasing that IFAT has not only increased the number of exhibitors from Germany, but also from abroad. Foreign exhibitors at IFAT 2008 number 838 (up from 653 in 2005). This represents a leap of 28 percent. Although Germany is a leading supplier of environmental technology, companies from other countries are now for the first time making up around one third of the total of exhibitors.

This strong international orientation is also reflected in the conference programme at IFAT, which features not only trade lectures and symposia, but also country specials on Spain, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the Arab regions, Saudi Arabia, India, China and Japan.

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](http://www.ifat.de/en/Press/PressCalendar).

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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.

Messe München International (MMI)

Messe München International (MMI) is one of the world's leading trade-fair organisations. It organises around 40 trade fairs for capital and consumer goods, and new technology. Over 30,000 exhibitors from more than 100 countries, and over two

million visitors from more than 200 countries take part each year in the trade fairs in Munich. In addition, MMI organises trade fairs in Asia, Russia, the Middle East and in South America. With six subsidiaries abroad and 66 foreign representatives covering 89 countries, MMI has a truly global network.

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