

## Press Release

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### **Positive response to 2014 Passive House Conference call for papers**

#### **More than 200 abstracts submitted international for conference in Aachen**

*Darmstadt, Germany.* The professional community's interest in Passive House is as strong as ever: evinced by the over 200 submissions in response to the 18th International Passive House Conference call for papers. For the first time, all continents were represented, with abstracts submitted from a total of 31 different countries. A great many of the abstracts focussed on non-residential buildings and dissemination and implementation. The Conference Scientific Advisory Board selected the submissions to be represented in the Aachen conference programme last week. Their work was no doubt especially challenging, as all abstracts submitted were of a very high standard.

As in past years, numerous abstracts came from Germany and Austria as well as the UK and USA. Authors from countries like Columbia, Vietnam and South Africa also responded to the call for papers. "We are pleased with the great response," says Dr. Wolfgang Feist, Director of the Passive House Institute, which is organising the 2014 International Passive House Conference next April in cooperation with the EnergieAgentur.NRW (Energy Agency of the State of Northrhine-Westphalia in Germany) and the City of Aachen in Germany.

Many abstracts dealing with research and development as well as refurbishments were submitted, whereby submissions on new products and components were also abundant. "This demonstrates that innovative companies are working with a great deal of commitment to find cost-effective solutions so that significant progress can be made by the Passive House movement as a whole," comments Feist. Those having submitted abstracts will be informed of the outcome of the advisory board session by mid November; the conference programme will be published in December on [www.passivehouseconference.org](http://www.passivehouseconference.org).

The Passive House Conference stands as a truly global platform for the best in energy-efficient construction. In addition to expert presentations, however, the event also offers beginners' courses, a component exhibition and excursions to built projects. The Conference programme addresses designers, architects, manufacturers, contractors and scientists as well as those with a general interest in the subject.

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