

InterExpo Caribbean N.V.



## 9th World Renewable Energy Exhibition

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Host Organization  
**University of Florence**

Organized by  
**World Renewable Energy Congress**  
in conjunction with an Exhibition of InterExpo Caribbean

## InterExpo and WREC

InterExpo Caribbean (Netherlands Antilles) has been appointed by Centro Abita of the University of Florence Prof. Marco Sala and WREC Prof. Ali Sayigh-Brighton as organizer for the 9th Renewable Energy Exhibition in Florence (Italy). InterExpo Caribbean is working in a partnership with the WREC and the University Florence .

Recent political, economic and technological factors indicate that the global market for renewable energy resources is growing fast. InterExpo Caribbean & WREC are bringing together all the major professionals from the Renewable Energy Industry, world wide governments, and academia to answer the call for the establishment of real goals, and to show the diversity of currently available solutions.

InterExpo Caribbean/WREC is the only event in the world, that brings together all segments of the Renewable Energy Industry under one roof.

## Mission Statement

At no time in modern history has energy played a more crucial role in the development and well being of nations than at present. The source and nature of energy, the security of supply and the equity of distribution, the environmental impact of its supply and utilization, are all crucial matters to be addressed by suppliers, consumers, governments, industry, academia, and financial institutions.

The World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC), a major recognised forum for networking between these sectors, addresses these issues through regular meetings and exhibitions, bringing together representatives of all those involved in the supply, distribution, consumption and development of energy sources which are benign, sustainable, accessible and economically viable. WREC enables policy makers, researchers, manufacturers, economists, financiers, sociologists, environmentalists and others to present their views in Plenary and Technical Sessions and to participate in discussions, both formal and informal, thus facilitating the transfer of knowledge between nations, institutions, disciplines and individuals. WREC applauds the recent ratification of the Kyoto Protocol by Russia. The recent World Renewable Energy Congress VIII in Denver, USA attended by more than a thousand participants, signalled the increasing importance of renewable energy, but much effort is still required to make it a major energy supplier.

## Congress Aims

- Ensuring renewable energy takes its proper place in the sustainable supply and use of energy for greatest benefit of all, taking due account of research requirements, energy efficiency, conservation, and cost criteria.
- Enabling participants from developed and developing countries to meet to exchange knowledge and experience.

- Assisting and promoting: local, regional and global environmental benefits of renewable energy.
- Promoting the innovation, diffusion and efficient economical renewable energy technologies application
- Enhancing energy supply and security.
- Promoting business opportunities for renewable energy throughout the world.
- Ensuring the financing of, and institutional support for economic renewable energy projects. Encouraging improved information and education on renewable energy.
- Involving young people in information and education on renewable energy through targeted programs.
- Providing a technical exhibition where manufacturers and educational authorities can display their products and services.
- Strengthen and expand the effectiveness of the World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC/WREN) in promoting the above endeavor.
- Providing a forum within which participants can network.

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## General Information

Florence

Florence is a city that welcomes. Florence is really at the centre of the world.

It is a city that has always welcomed and astounded its guests. The Salone dei Cinquecento that was created for the Medici Family's great meetings is now frequently used for the opening ceremonies of major congresses. This means that the city is still capable of offering historic venues and important places for 'meetings'.

This is a role that Florence plays daily through the thousands of people who come here for cultural reasons or for work. The city actually succeeds in playing a multiplicity of roles each day: history, art, culture and traditions, and it does so thanks to the commitments made by the municipal government. Florence with its monuments, the Uffizi Gallery, the Accademia Gallery with the statue of David, the Giotto Tower and all its surroundings lives of international fame as an art city, the worldwide interest in its artistic heritage and its cultural traditions, its geographic position, the famous 'green' region of Tuscany.

Florence has all the necessary facilities: an airport with daily flights from the most important European capitals, an important railway junction which links Florence to Rome and Milan, a motorway which connects Florence with Siena, San Gimignano, Arezzo, Pisa and Lucca and the famous Chianti area, an efficient train connection system and motorway from Pisa airport.

Florence, besides being one of the most famous artistic cities of the world, hosts also an important University and many renowned research centres. A major renovation of the scientific infrastructures is under development. The attendance to a meeting of worldwide importance like the ESGAR will have the opportunity to be immersed in this new reality.

But Florence has also the advantage of having Congress facilities right in the middle of the city's business centre, near all the major hotels and tourist attractions and at a stone's throw from the railway station and from the airport terminal.

### Visas

Entry visas are not required for citizens of most European countries, the USA and Canada. Citizens of other countries can obtain a visa at the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their country. A valid passport is required. A letter of invitation will be provided for those who need it. For more information about visas, please check the Web site of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

[http://www.esteri.it/eng/5\\_32\\_183.asp](http://www.esteri.it/eng/5_32_183.asp)

### How to Reach Florence

#### *By Air*

Florence airport is only 4 km from the city centre. Bus and taxi are available between the airport and downtown Florence. A taxi ride from the airport to the city centre costs about Euro 20,00.

Pisa Galileo Galilei airport and Florence Amerigo Vespucci airport are served by several international airlines.

Pisa airport is about 90 Km far from Florence, and a shuttle train operates every hour between the airport and the main railway station in Florence. The trip lasts approximately 1 hour.

#### *By train*

Eurostar trains connect Florence with Milan (approximately 2h. and 45 min.) and Rome (approximately 1h and 30 min.). The main railway station in Florence is Santa Maria Novella and it is located at walking distance from the Fortezza da Basso.

#### *By Car*

The A1 (Autostrada del Sole) is the main motorway linking Florence to both northern and southern Italy. The A1 leads west to the coast and then to Genoa and the French border: both are toll motorways. The use of seat belts is mandatory. Car lights are compulsory in motorways. All road distances and speed limits are indicated in kilometres.

#### Venue

The site of the WREC 2006 is Faculty of Architecture of Santa Verdiana Via P.A. Micheli, 2 in Florence. The Opening Ceremony and the Plenary Sessions will be held at Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazza Adua 1, Florence, Italy, part of the famous Congress Citadel of Florence made by the Fortezza da Basso, Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari. The Palazzo dei Congressi is a 19th century villa with outstanding period furnishings with a modern 1000 seat auditorium.

There are more than 15 conference rooms that can accommodate approximately 1800 people and the available floor space comes to 4400 square meters. This Congress centre

hosts international congresses, fairs and exhibitions and it is equipped with all the modern facilities. The site is within walking distance from the main Railway station and the downtown area of Florence. The International Airport 'Amerigo Vespucci' is connected to the town centre by shuttle buses. Moreover the International Airport of Pisa (about 80 km from Florence) is linked by trains to the Florence Railway Station.

### Language

The official language of the Congress is English.

### Badges

Each participant will receive a name badge upon registration. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities and social events.

### Public Transportation

The historical area of Florence is relatively compact, and all major sites are within walking distance from the city centre. Florence has a fairly comprehensive network of local bus routes, and many have a stop at the main railway station. Bus tickets may be purchased at most coffee-bars and tobacconists. Two bus companies serving several cities around Florence have their terminal next to the main railway station.

### Taxis

A taxi ride from the airport to the city centre costs around Euro 15,00. Two taxi companies operate in Florence and offer their service 24h/day. The phone numbers of the two companies are: 055-4242 and 055-4390. You can book a ride one day prior.

### Climate

The temperature in Florence during August is typical of an Italian summer, being the average temperature around 28°C. All the rooms in the Congress Centre are provided by air conditioning.

### Clothing

Informal for all the occasions.

### Banks

Money can be easily exchanged at all main banks and exchange offices downtown Florence. Traditional banking hours are: Monday through Friday 8:30-13:20 and 14:30-15:30. Banks are closed on Saturday and Sunday. Some automatic exchanging machines are located outside the major banks to provide 24-hour service.

### Electricity

Electrical current in Italy is 220 volts, 50-cycle AC. Italian outlets take only round-prong plugs. Appliances designed to operate on 110/120 volts need a voltage converter and a plug adapter.

### Time

The time in Florence is the Central European Time (Summer Time GMT +1)

### Medical Service

The number for the medical emergency service in Italy is 118. Chemists are open from 9.00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 20.00, Monday to Friday. The main chemist is located in Santa Maria Novella railway station and it is open 24 hours a day.

### Post Office

The Post Office is located next to Santa Maria Novella railway station and it is open from 8.15 to 19.00, Monday to Friday.

Below countries are participating in the World Renewable Energy Congress IX and Exhibition.

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WW Inst.	Cuba	Laos	Neth. Antilles	Trinidad & Tobago
WR Inst.	Cyprus	Latvia	Netherlands	Tobago
WHO	Czech Republic	Lebanon	New Zealand	Tunisia
WHO		Lesotha	Nicaragua	Turkey
WEC	Denmark	Liberia	Nigeria	
FAO	Djibouti	Libya	Norway	Uganda
ED Soc.	Dominican R.	Lithuania		Ukrain
IAUP			Oman	Uruguay
OAPEC	Ecuador	Iceland		USA
AFREPREN/ FWD	Egypt	India	Paraguay	Uzbekistan
GES Ass	El Salvador	Indonesia	Palestine	
WMO	Eritrea	Italy	Pakistan	Vanuatu
Jordan	Estonia	Iranv	Panama	Venezuela
	Ethiopia	Iraq	Papua N. Guinea	Vietnam
		Ireland	Philippine	
African R.	Fiji	Israel	Poland	Western Samoa
Algeria	Finland	Ivory Coast	Portugal	
Albania	France			Yemen
Angola		Jamaica	Qatar	
Antigua & Barbuda	Gambia	Japan		Zambia
Argentina	Gabon		Reunion France	Zaire
Armenia	Georgi	Kazakhstan	Romania	Zimbabwe
Australia	Germany	Kenya	Russia	
Austria	Ghana	Kuwait	Rwanda	
Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Kyrgyz Republic		
	Guinea		Saint Lucia	
	Guinea-Bissau	Laos	Saudi Arabia	
Bahama	Guyana	Latvia	Senegal	
Bahrain	Greece	Lebanon	Serbia & Mon- tenegro	
Bangladesh		Lesotha	Seychelles	
Barbados	Haiti	Liberia	Sierra Leone	
Belarus	Hondura	Libya	Sierra Leone	
Belgium	Hungary	Lithuania	Singapore	
Belize			Slovakia	
Benin	Iceland	Madagascar	Slovenia	
Bolivia	India	Malawi	Solomon Islands	
Botswana	Indonesia	Malaysia	Somalia	
Brazil	Italy	Mali	South Africa	
Brunei	Iranv	Malta	South Korea	
Bulgaria	Iraq	Mauritania	Sri Lanka	
Burkina Faso	Ireland	Mauritius	Sudan	
Burundi	Israel	Mecedonia	Swaziland	
Byelorussia	Ivory Coast	Mexico	Sweden	
		Monaco	Switzerland	
Cameron	Jamaica	Mongolia	Syria	
Canada	Japan	Moldova		
Cayman Islands		Morocco	Tahiti	
China	Kazakhstan	Mozambique	Taiwan	
Colombia	Kenya		Tanzania	
Congo	Kuwait		Thailand	

Topics exhibition:

- o Policy and Finance issues
- o Low Energy Architecture
- o Educational issues
- o Solar Thermal Technology
- o Hydrogen & Fuel Cells
- o Photovoltaic Technology
- o Biomass and Biogas Technology
- o Energy in Buildings
- o Energy and Gender
- o Energy Storage
- o Transmission
- o Hydroelectricity
- o Wave & Tidal power
- o Electricity Reliability
- o Hybrid systems
- o Distributed Energy
- o Wind Energy Technology
- o Geothermal, Ocean Thermal, Solar Radiation
- o Solar Materials
- o Sustainable Transportation
- o Water Desalination
- o And Other Related Topics