

Apologies to those who got the bulletin more than once last time

OREG NEWS

The recent Symposium in St John's has given OREG the challenge of developing a new action plan for initiatives to move the sector ahead within a framework of technology development, the development of the business of ocean energy and the responsible development of enabling policies. We expect to release this document in early December.

OREG's website has served us well, but its time has come! We will have the beginnings of a more dynamic site by the end of November. The presentations from the October event will be posted at that time.

OREG's next sector event will be in **Victoria BC on May 4/5**. This will coincide with the meeting of the International Energy Agency Implementing Agreement on Ocean Energy Systems, hosted by the Government of British Columbia. Please mark your calendar for these dates.

Reminder - Memberships renewed or initiated by November 30 are for Calendar 2006 and can take a 15% discount. We gained significant new national and international memberships this fall. It is important that we show a continued growth in sector membership. If you are not yet a member, please join. If you are a member, please review your membership level and renew. The membership invoice is at <http://www.oreg.ca/Membership/>.

SPAIN REMAINS THE MOST ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR RENEWABLES

LONDON, England, October 26, 2005 [(Refocus Weekly)] Spain continues to be the most attractive country in the world for renewable energies, remaining one point ahead of the United States.

<http://www.sparkdata.co.uk/refocus/redesign/showdoc.asp?docid=88337344&accnum=1>

BRITAIN LACKS SKILLS IN SOLAR PV AND WAVE ENERGY

LONDON, England, October 26, 2005 [(Refocus Weekly)] The United Kingdom lacks the necessary skills to achieve the government's target of generating 10% of the country's electricity from renewables by 2010, according to an independent report from the Institute of Physics.

<http://www.sparkdata.co.uk/refocus/redesign/showdoc.asp?docid=13523502&accnum=1>

RENEWABLES FACE FUNDING "BLACK HOLE" IN UK

LONDON, England, October 26, 2005 [(Refocus Weekly)] The British government must plug the "looming black hole" in its support for small-scale renewable energy technologies.

http://www.sharecast.com/cgi-bin/sharecast/story.cgi?story_id=556153

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MARINE ENERGY TO BE STUDIED IN SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, Scotland, October 26, 2005 [(Refocus Weekly)] The Scottish Executive has commissioned a study to examine the environmental impacts of installing marine energy technology.

<http://www.sparkdata.co.uk/refocus/redesign/showdoc.asp?docid=55601138&accnum=1>

ENVIRONMENT GROUP RANKS CANADA ON ADOPTION OF RENEWABLES

OTTAWA, ON, October 26, 2005 [(Refocus Weekly)] Canada is one of the worst environmental performers in the industrialized world, and scores 18th among the 30 members of the OECD on its use of low-impact renewable energies, according to an analysis by an environmental group.

<http://www.sparkdata.co.uk/refocus/redesign/showdoc.asp?docid=34583682&accnum=1>

Wave-to-energy plant powers up

WOLLONGONG is riding the crest of a wave after Energetech Australia achieved a world first off Port Kembla yesterday by generating alternative energy and fresh water from the sea.

<http://illawarramercury.com.au/articles/2005/10/26/1130302839545.html>

Wave power system receives more U.S. funding

Ocean Power Technologies is building the facility at the Marine Corps Base at Kaneohe Bay on the island of Oahu. The new contract will support development of its 150 kW PowerBuoy in the project, which will provide power for 500 to 1,000 homes.

"We are very pleased that the Navy continues to share with OPT a strong commitment to the success of the Hawaii program," says chief executive officer George Taylor. "In addition to funding, the Navy provides its expertise in the areas of marine construction and systems operation in the dynamic ocean environment."

<http://www.sparkdata.co.uk/refocus/redesign/showdoc.asp?docid=96424502&accnum=1>