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CPV Consortium elects Dr. Andreas Bett as new board member

Concentrator photovoltaics on its way to commercialization

The CPV Consortium, a non-profit concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) solar industry organization, has elected Dr. Andreas Bett, Department Head and Deputy Director at the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE, as a member of its board. Dr. Bett is also the chair and main organizer of the upcoming 6th international Conference on Concentrating Photovoltaics, which will be held from April 7-9, 2010 in Freiburg, Germany.

Andreas Bett has already served a long career in concentrator PV technology. His department of Materials – Solar Cells and Technology at Fraunhofer ISE is a leader in the field and has contributed many significant developments to CPV technology. In January 2009, the Freiburg researchers posted a world record efficiency of 41.1 percent employing a method of metamorphic crystal growth for multi-junction PV cells.

Dr. Bett is a co-founder of Concentrix Solar GmbH, an ISE spin-off that successfully manufactures and markets CPV technology today. At the 24th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference (PVSEC) in 2009, he was awarded the prestigious Becquerel Prize. Further, Dr. Bett is a member of the IEC TC82 WG7 committee, which draws up standards for concentrator technology, and as a member of the European Photovoltaic Platform's Working Group 3, he helped draft the strategic research agenda and implementation plan for photovoltaic technology.

Together with Andreas Bett, Martha Symko-Davies from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) has also been elected

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as a new CPV board member. Nancy Hartsoch, director of the CPV Consortium said in her own press release: "With the appointments of Drs. Bett and Symko-Davies, the CPV Consortium gains decades of expertise from the highest levels of solar industry research and development. Their insights from Fraunhofer, the DOE and NREL will broaden the perspective of the organization, and hopefully facilitate the benefits that public and private cooperation can bring to an emerging technology at a critical time for CPV commercialization."

The CPV Consortium is dedicated to supporting the development and optimizing the success of CPV technology as a mainstream energy source for distributed and utility-scale deployments. It is a global organization comprised of members from all segments of the CPV industry including system manufacturers, cell suppliers, power generators, tracker suppliers, system integrators, project developers, universities and research laboratories.

For more information about the CPV Consortium please visit the Web site: www.cpvconsortium.org

For more information about the CPV-6 Conference please visit the Website: www.cpv-conference.org

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