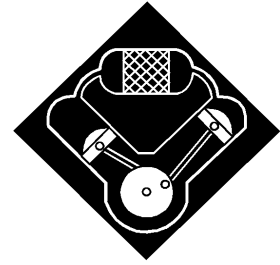


International Stirling Forum 2010

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Postponement of the International Stirling Forum

After thorough internal discussion, reluctantly we have decided to postpone the International Stirling Forum 2010 to a later date. The main reasons for this decision were:

- There have already been a lot of events on the subject of the Stirling engine in 2009/2010 (ISEC November 2009, Groningen, NL; German Stirling Congress, February 2010)
- Probably due to this matter we got only a low response to our "Call for Papers". So far, we have received only 15 contribution announcements (2 years ago, at the same time it had been already 21). This is why we expect a decreasing number of participants compared to 2008.
- Unfortunately, we didn't succeed in receiving the co-financing, necessary for keeping the participation fee in the range of 350 - 400 € .

As the number of participants is hard to estimate, but the costs for room rental and technical facilities have, however, grown, the financial risks of hosting the International Stirling Forum are too high this year.

We have considered a substantial increase in participation fees as not adequate, since surveys of previous events have shown that a significant increase in participation fees does no longer appeal to our broadly diversified audience of research institutes, developers, producers, opinion makers and operators.

We are very sorry about the situation, though we hope that for 2012 we will be able to acquire sufficient financial support or to gain enough participants, respectively, for hosting the next International Stirling Forum in Osnabrueck. The current favourable developments, especially in the field of micro-CHP, encourage us in our plans of soon being able to offer you an appealing conference with accompanying exhibition again.

Hoping for your understanding I look forward to seeing you at the next Stirling engine conference.

Peter Beck
(Chairman)