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Heated debate regarding abstracts for the 17th International Passive House Conference

Scientific Advisory Board in Darmstadt decides programme of lectures

Darmstadt, 19 November 2012. The conference programme for the International Passive House Conference in 2013 is beginning to take shape: during a non-stop session of the scientific advisory board on Friday, a selection of the best abstracts was made from the 200 outstanding submissions. During the lively discussions, the latest studies and projects were reviewed in detail by the experts who had been invited to Darmstadt for this purpose. Since almost all contributions demonstrated significant trends and ground-breaking innovations, it was often very hard to make a decision.



The scientific advisory board voting on one of 200 submitted contributions © Passive House Institute

This year, many top-class submissions came from Frankfurt (Main), which will be hosting the upcoming Passive House Conference, with several best-practice examples. Many convincing papers were also submitted from other Passive House "strongholds" in Germany, such as Freiburg, Heidelberg and Hanover. Over 50% of all contributions, however, came from non-German speaking countries, many of which were evaluated positively by the board. Very promising projects are now being realised in almost all countries of Europe and many

regions across the globe. Pioneers from those parts of the world where the Passive House movement has only just started also impressed the advisory board with their abstracts.

The nine-hour session at the Passive House Institute wasn't just about choosing the best abstracts; it also dealt with the assignment of the abstracts: which subject was suitable as a lecture, which was more appropriate for a poster presentation? A total of 200 authors or teams of authors from 35 countries responded to the call for papers for

the 17th Passive House Conference to be held in April 2013. The content ranged from energy refurbishment of listed buildings to the supplementary use of renewable energy sources. The selected abstracts and their assignment for the Conference will be announced in December 2012.

INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2013

Conference: Friday, 19 April and Saturday, 20 April 2013

Excursions: Sunday, 21 April 2013

Framework programme from 17 - 21 April 2013

Venue: Congress Center Frankfurt (Main)

Information regarding key topics and registration for participation: www.passivehouse-conference.org.

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