

Press Release

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Founder of Passive House design to speak at conference in Maine

Dr. Feist among experts on low carbon construction at NAPHN14 on Sept. 22 - 23

More than one third of the total energy demand in North America goes towards the running of buildings. Up to 90 percent of this energy, used mainly for heating and cooling, could easily be saved by building according to the Passive House Standard. Many of the leading global experts on this low carbon construction concept will gather in Portland (Maine) on September 22nd and 23rd for the [NAPHN14 Conference & Expo](#). The keynote speech will be given by Dr. Wolfgang Feist, founder and director of the international Passive House Institute and builder of the very first Passive House.

The conference, organized by the North American Passive House Network, will feature Passive House projects from across the continent and around the world – from residential buildings, to schools, offices and city districts. The event will provide a comprehensive look at what Passive House is achieving today, with presentations covering detailed technical aspects as well as policy and regional based solutions. The Expo will showcase specialized products from industry leaders; workshops before and after the conference will allow for in-depth training at introductory to expert levels.

Passive House is an international building standard developed by the Passive House Institute, located in Darmstadt, Germany. Building according to the Passive House Standard reduces a building's operational energy demand to an optimized extent through passive measures and components such as insulation, airtightness, heat and humidity recovery, solar heat gains, solar shading and incidental internal heat gains. While being extremely energy efficient and at the same time affordable, Passive House buildings provide the most resilient, comfortable and healthy interior environments.

The North American Passive House Network is an independent information sharing platform, promoting the building standard across the continent. Membership includes: Canadian Passive House Institute, New York Passive House, Passive House California, passivhausMAINE, Passive House New Mexico, and Passive House Northwest.

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