



The 2nd CANADIAN SOLAR BUILDINGS CONFERENCE - RECORD ATTENDANCE!

The success of the **Canadian Solar Buildings Conference**, produced jointly by the Solar Energy Society of Canada and the Canadian Solar Buildings Research Network was evident in the attendance, with over 250 participants, the highest in 30 years of national solar conferences. Building on our experience, next year's meeting in Fredericton, New Brunswick, will be even better

Hosted by the University of Calgary, the five day conference took place in Calgary June 10th – 14th, 2007. The focus of the conference was transfer of solar technology to the building industry.

The Calgary conference started off with papers related to the design of net-zero energy homes to be built across Canada in the coming months under CMHC's EQUilibrium demonstration program. SBRN researchers and students contributed to this effort.

The conference covered a wide range of technologies and applications from daylighting to building integrated photovoltaic systems and solar thermal systems. The conference benefited tremendously from a joint day with BOMA (Building Owners and Manager Association) Calgary, focusing on the owner's experience with recent solar applications in commercial buildings in the Calgary region, and in having an affiliated daylighting trade show and symposium on the third day of the conference. The daylighting symposium and trade show was mounted by the Chinook Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA), also at the Telus Convention Centre and had forty people registered.

Participation at the conference and the affiliated activities was dominated by professionals from the construction industry, a clear indication that the work presented was of relevance to the needs of architects and engineers.

Although the conference was termed "Canadian" delegates as well as presenters came from the four corners of the world including Japan, Taiwan, Australia, the United Kingdom and Greece.

This conference was a cornerstone of Canadian efforts to promote innovative research and development in solar energy utilization. We are pleased at the turnout and results of this event and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the conference such a great success.

We look forward to continued collaboration, progress and expansion in developing the solar-optimized buildings of the future! See you in Fredericton next year and at other SBRN cosponsored events.



Dr. Terry Hollands, chair of the Board of Directors of the Solar Buildings Research Network at the opening ceremonies



...always interesting questions.