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“Renewable Energy Sources” as the lead theme of POLEKO 2007

The Renewable Energy Exhibition devoted to the latest solutions in renewable sources of energy will be organised for the seventh time at the International Ecological Fair POLEKO held in Poznań on 20-23 November 2007. This time, the exhibition will be especially important because due to the increasing significance of the environmentally friendly energy policy in the European Union, the Minister of the Environment, under whose auspices POLEKO is held in 2007, decided to choose “Renewable Energy Sources” as the lead theme of the show.

It is no wonder that this issue is so popular. In March 2007, the European Union Member States adopted an action plan to integrate the Community climate and energy policy. The plan includes the following objectives to be achieved by 2020: streamlined energy consumption leading to the reduction of used energy by 20 percent, the increase of the share of renewable energy to 20 percent in the total primary energy consumption in all EU countries on the average, at least a 10-percent share of biofuels in the sales of transport fuels in each Member States.

Renewable Energy Exhibition

This year’s Renewable Energy Exhibition will be **8 percent larger** than last year. Its area will exceed 1,700 sq. m. The group of over 100 exhibitors from 12 countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland) includes numerous businesses that offer boilers, fireplaces, pellets, heat pumps, solar collectors and household windmills.

The exhibition is organised in cooperation with chambers and associations that promote renewable sources of energy: the Polish Economic Chamber of Renewable Energy, the Polish Chamber of Biomass and the Polish Society of Solar Energy. Experts will provide information about new renewable energy technologies at the stands of these organisations.

The exhibition will be accompanied by numerous specialist conferences and seminars. As in previous years, the **Renewable Energy Forum** will be organised. It will include a series of daily seminars devoted to biofuels, wind and water energy, energy-efficient construction and the use of solar energy. It is organised by the Poznań International Fair and Abrys, the publisher of “Czysta Energia” Monthly. The participation in the Forum is free of charge.

The Ministry of the Environment and the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management will organise a day-long conference on **“Renewable Energy Sources”** on the second trade fair day.

A presentation of **“Renewable Energy”** will be organised at the stand of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Pavilion 9, Stand 51) on 22 November. Admission free.

The National Atomic Energy Agency will also organise a series of presentations. Their

participants will try to answer the question: **“Why should Poland construct nuclear powerplants?”** Arguments for and against nuclear powerplants and films entitled: “Dilemmas – a dispute about nuclear energy – Żarnowiec” and “Radioactive Waste” will be presented. The presentations will take place on 20 and 22 November.

Educational seminars organised by the Polish Chamber of Biomass and the Poznań International Fair will be held daily as part of the **Academy of Renewable Energy from Biomass**. This event is addressed mainly to students and pupils from secondary schools. The topics include the production of biomass, liquid biofuels, biogas and many more. The market of biomass in Poland will be discussed in detail. A detailed programme of events will soon be published at www.poleko.mtp.pl.

Turbinowa is the company that will organise a seminar entitled: **“Professionalism in water power generation”** on 21 November. Admission is free to Poleko visitors.

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