

***RIO 3 - World Climate & Energy Event,***

***LAREF 2003 – Latin American Renewable Energy Fair***

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2003 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, July 2003 - The massive consumption of fossil fuels with its resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is without doubt the principal cause of the greenhouse effect. It is evident that a global sustainable energy supply can only be achieved by energy savings, an increase in energy efficiency and the intensive use of renewable energies.

Since the UN Earth Summit in 1992 Rio de Janeiro has been considered as the starting point of a global discussion about environment. In this tradition ***RIO 3 - World Climate and Energy Event***, a succeeding event of the *RIO 02* congress, will focus on strategies for an increased application of renewable energies on a global scale as well as strategies for reduced energy consumption and sustainable development in order to decrease overall carbon dioxide emissions.

The ***RIO 3 - World Climate and Energy Event*** will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2003 in one of the most prestigious hotels in the city, the Hotel Glória at Flamengo beach ([www.hotelgloriario.com.br](http://www.hotelgloriario.com.br)), the same location where the UN Earth Summit of 1992 was held:

- The international ***RIO 3*** congress organized in co-operation with Rio de Janeiro's Federal University (UFRJ) will bring together leading experts from the fields of scientific research, politics and industry. These include, naming a few, i.e. Prof. Dr. Martin Green, Prof. Dr. Peter Landsberg, Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schmid, Prof. Dr.

Luiz Pinguelli Rosa, Prof. Dr. Adolf Goetzberger, Dr. Hermann Scheer, Prof. Dr. Maurício Tolmasquim, Dr. Maurice Strong and Dr. Fabio Feldmann. The Brazilian Ministry of Energy (MME), the Brazilian National Electricity Holding (Eletrobrás), the German Energy Agency (DENA), the German Ministry for Economy & Labour (BMWA) and International Capacity Building, Germany (InWEnt), Eurosolar and the World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE) are fully backing the event and will send top representatives.

- The **Latin American Renewable Energy Fair (LAREF)**, located directly at the **RIO 3** congress halls will give companies and institutions the opportunity to present the latest energy technology and services to a growing World and Latin American market. Brazil itself is, without doubt, the most important future market for renewable energies in Latin America. The improvement of the political and legislative framework, with the incentive programme for renewable energies PROINFA in force, offers a favourable moment to tie important business contacts at the **LAREF** and to develop new markets. The Brazilian Ministry of Energy (MME), the Brazilian National Electricity Provider (Eletrobrás), the German Energy Agency (DENA), the German Ministry for Economy & Labour (BMWA) and International Capacity Building, Germany (InWEnt) are fully backing the event and will send top representatives.

Related workshops on renewable power plant implementation, project development and implementation as well as practical experience in Latin America and on funding & financing will accompany the event. A political round table with the participation of major governmental representatives will give the opportunity to discuss legislation, identify and eradicate still existing obstacles in implementation and provide efficient solutions for mass application of renewable energies. Excursions to Brazilian energy projects and local activities are encouraging international contacts and co-operation.



Further information about **RIO 3 - World Climate & Energy Event** and **Latin American Renewable Energy Fair (LAREF)**, also concerning registration as a participant, speaker, exhibitor and sponsor are available at <http://www.rio3.com>:

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