

16TH INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2012

Passive House Components across the Globe

Hannover / Darmstadt, On 3 May 2012, just prior to the 16th International Passive House Conference, over 70 manufacturers and interested Passive House stakeholders gathered for the first ever Passive House Components Manufacturer's exchange put on by the Passive House Institute. The exchange was held to spur international cooperation between manufacturers on Passive House Component development, for while PH components are readily available in Germany and a number of other European markets, the growing international demand has not nearly been met.

Passive House Institute experts Benjamin Krick and Jürgen Schnieders outlined requirements for Passive House components in climates around the world, after which, speakers from Europe and North America defined international market needs and highlighted successful examples of international partnerships. Best practice examples of such cooperation came from Dennis Kuhn of Optiwin and Franz Freundorfer of pro Passivhausfenster GmbH, both relying on networks of window manufacturers working together to develop Passive House window systems.

Albert Rooks of the Small Planet Workshop and Floris Keverling-Buisman 475, both from the US, commented on opportunities and challenges in bringing Passive House Components across the Atlantic. A lively panel discussion ensued wherein participants discussed their experiences in furthering Passive House in the absence of a supportive regulatory framework. The consensus of the panel: sometimes it is best to have a bottom-up style “pull” for Passive House from stakeholders on the ground is better than a top-down style “push” from government authorities.



The day's programme continued with a series of presentations on Passive House solutions already available on international markets, ranging from PH suitable doors and windows to insulation systems and thermal bridge free connection details. Product offerings from experienced manufacturers such as ENERGATE ®, BlowerDoor GmbH, Schöck Bauteile

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GmbH, ISOQUICK GmbH & Co.KG, Herms MOLL bauökologische Produkte GmbH were introduced to an attentive audience. The event was rounded off by ample time for networking and discussions, of which great ideas and opportunities for cooperation will hopefully be born.



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