

The Austrian Association for Energy Economics

The Austrian Association for Energy Economics (AAEE) was founded in the mid 1990s and currently has 37 members consisting of academics from universities, international organisations, utilities, businesses and students. In 2007 Arno Gasteiger is president of the AAEE; Reinhard Haas from Vienna University of Technology is executive director of the Austrian affiliate. Since its establishment AAEE has continuously increased the number of members.

The AAEE aims at creating a broad and independent discussion forum in the field of energy technologies as well as energy and environmental economics. The activities carried out by the AAEE to achieve the abovementioned objective are as follows:

- AAEE, together with the Energy Economics Group at Vienna University of Technology, the Austrian Energy Agency and Technical Museum of Vienna, hosts quarterly “Energy Talks” since 1999, where research results and timely topics in the energy sector are presented and discussed. Each time about 100 participants attend.
- Since 1999, together with the Energy Economics Group, AAEE also hosts biannually an International Energy Economics Congress at Vienna University of Technology where distinguished national and international representatives from science, businesses and politics, mainly from Central Europe, discuss advanced sustainable energy systems. From 14-16 February the 2007 Conference took place under the subject “Future energy systems: Technologies and investments between markets and regulation”. 300 participants were welcomed by the organisers and 115 papers were presented at the conference covering supply security issues, electricity market design, energy pol-



icies, technologies and environmental issues. See adjacent pictures for scenes from our recent conference.

- Last but not least, selected AAEE members frequently contribute to the European, North American and International IAEE Conferences.

A major aim of the AAEE is the support of young scientists in the field of energy economics and since 2006 AAEE lists student members.