

Marine Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association Founded

Leipzig, 19th September 2006: The Marine Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association (MHFCA) was officially registered in Germany on 17th August 2006 as a non-profit organization.

The founding members of the association are Mr. Christian Machens (private), Mr. Randy Dey (ISO, Canada), Mr. Panos Koroyannakis (Islenet, Brussels), Mr. Jón Björn Skúlason (Icelandic New Energy Ltd, Iceland), Mr. Bart Van Ouytsel, Prof. Hugo Vandendorre, Mr. Richard Morris (CEO Zebotec, Germany), Mr. Geoffrey Budd (CEO Ballard Europe), Mr. Toddington Harper (CEO Fuel Cell Markets Ltd, UK).

Over 120 organizations pre-registered for membership, from Germany, Canada, Belgium, UK, Ireland, Greece, USA, Australia, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, France, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Belgium, Faroe Islands and Iceland. With such strong international support, the need for the establishment of this association should be quite apparent.

MHFCA has five primary international intentions. First is to act as a platform for networking and the initiation of projects. The second intention is to achieve a critical mass of knowledge and momentum through the membership to develop a roadmap for the introduction of hydrogen in the marine sector.

The third international intention of MHFCA is to identify important challenges caused by the changing environmental legislation and rising fuel prices. Defining barriers to the introduction of hydrogen as an energy carrier in the marine sector and identifying priority actions is the fourth intention. The fifth and final intention is to issue proposals to overcome barriers for the development of dedicated regulations, codes and standards for the use of hydrogen in marine applications.

MHFCA is keen to engage with stakeholders in the marine sector as well as those companies and organisations that are involved in fuel cells and hydrogen technologies. If you would like to learn more about MHFCA, or to apply for membership, please contact us via our homepage: <http://www.mhfca.org>