

Energy 21C 2009

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Energy 21C to provide opportunities for future leaders to present their vision for the industry

The 2009 Energy 21C conference in September will draw on the global experience and expertise of industry leaders to provide compelling insights into future challenges and innovative solutions in energy transmission and distribution.

The conference, to be held at the new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 6 to 9 September, will generate debate around the key themes of customers, climate change, networks and competencies.

Program Coordinator, Mike Griffin, said the development of intelligent networks and future demand management responses will be headlining features of the conference, which is expected to attract around 2,000 delegates from Australia and overseas.

“The conference will feature speakers at the knowledge edge of strategic, policy and practical implementation issues in the industry,” he said.

“But Energy 21C also recognises the talents and vision of emerging leaders in the industry and we are seeking to embrace their views and expectations.”

A plenary session at the conference will challenge delegates to consider the energy network sector of 2050, and younger industry participants will play a key role in the presentations.

“Separately, a complete session will be set aside for presentations by power engineering undergraduate students, recent graduates and apprentices with a focus on utility development programs,” Mr Griffin said.

“The Energy 21C organising committee is seeking the support of universities, utilities, manufacturers and suppliers to encourage participation of young people in the conference.”

People wishing to present in the plenary sessions entitled “Think Future: Describe the Energy Network Sector in 2050” are asked to refer to the conditions on the website www.energy21c.com.au and have their proposal submitted by 19 July.

An outline of the presentation should be in essay format with a maximum of 4,000 words.

A panel of the conference program committee will assess the proposals based on:

- originality and creativity;
- alignment with the conference themes of customers, climate change; networks and competencies; and
- ability to engage the audience for a maximum of 10 minutes.

A maximum of six presentations will be chosen.

“The energy transmission and distribution industry will increasingly rely on innovative people with latest skills and competencies,” Mr Griffin said.

“Energy 21C provides an opportunity for young people to present to the peak energy transmission and distribution forum demonstrating their vision and ability to lead the industry into the future.”

Energy 21C is owned by the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) and the Energy Networks Association, and it is presented by the industry for industry.

The conference is unique as it integrates a series of keynote and panel presentations, workshops, live practical demonstrations, site visits, and an exhibition expected to attract more than 130 companies.

For more information, visit www.energy21c.com.au or contact the Conference Managers, Waldron Smith Management, by telephone (03) 9645 6311 or e-mail energy21c@wsm.com.au

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