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Intersolar Europe: Exploring new paths

Whether bionic absorbers or evacuated flat plate collectors – this year’s Intersolar Europe was dominated by new collector concepts.

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Intersolar Europe: What was it all about?

Trade fairs always serve as mood barometers, and at this year’s Intersolar Europe the needle was clearly pointing to “Low”. But those who were expecting a great depression due to the current wave of consolidation were proved wrong. Ideas on how the solar industry could overcome the current crisis abounded at the event.

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PHOTOVOLTAICS IN THE USA

Voting for the solar industry

While the US heads into a presidential election season that could vastly impact the solar industry, the market continues to expand, giving the cloudy skies a sun-gilt lining. The position of the US solar industry and its future will be key topics at Solar Power International (SPI), which is being held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, from September 10 to 13.

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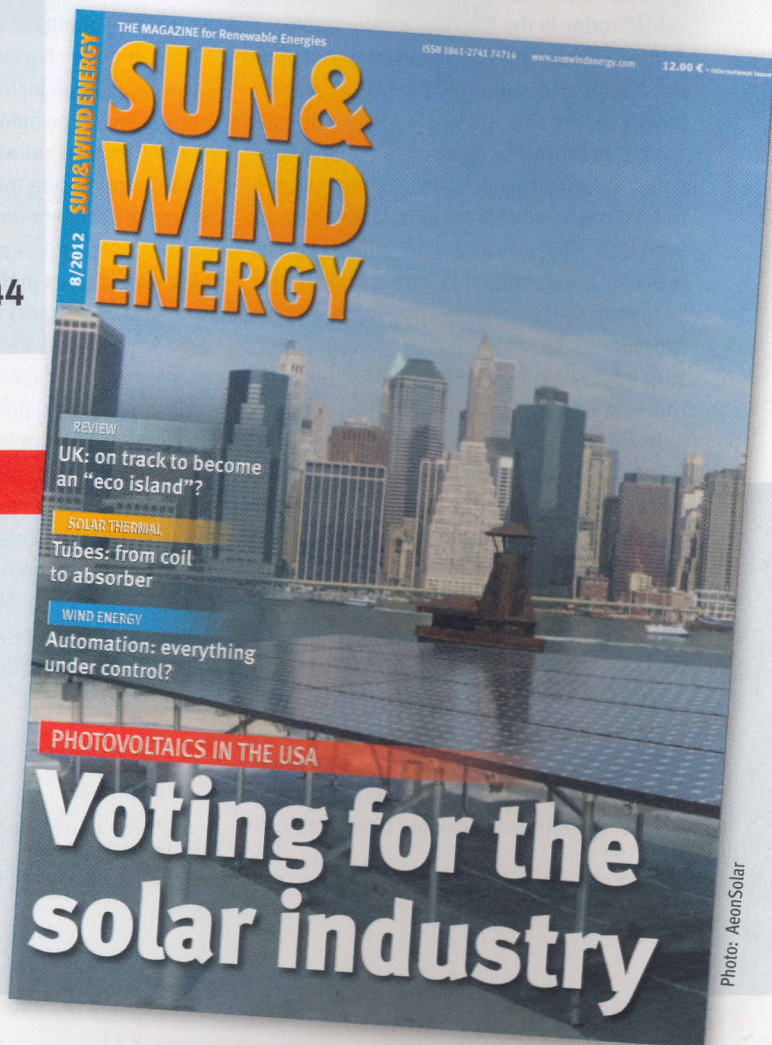


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Service & maintenance: Access is still the greatest hurdle

Service and maintenance of offshore wind farms is no easy business. The initial investment is not all that can rise. When new wind farms are built, recurrent costs can go up too.

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Country Special Malaysia: Targeting renewables

Malaysia is rich in oil, natural gas and coal. Nevertheless, the government has not lost sight of renewable energies and already made a number of incentives available. Germany serves the country as a role model for its energy policy.

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Biomass plants in Poland: Change of rules

Poland wants to end biomass co-firing with coal, which provides almost half of its renewable electricity. Purely biomass power plants have a good chance to fill the gap.

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