

**Subject: Invitation and Call for Abstracts to
International Solar Food Processing Conference 2009**



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce the first **International Solar Food Processing Conference 2009** from 14th to 16th January 2009 in Indore, India and cordially invite you to participate.

Organisers of the conference are the **International Solar Energy Society (ISES)**, coordinator of the **Solar Food Processing Network**; the **Barli Development Institute for Rural Women** in Indore, and the **School of Energy and Environmental Studies, Devi Ahilya University of Indore**.

Together we have extensive experience in solar food processing and conservation. Barli Institute will be our host and venue of the conference and we are pleased they will share their many years of experience with us for this exciting conference.

The idea of Solar Food Processing is very old, when we think about traditional solar drying, yet new when we consider new solar thermal technologies which give us new food processing options. The conference aims to share new technologies, concepts and strategies of using the sun as a main energy supply for food processing with a focus primarily on solar food processing for income generation and economic feasibility.

The three day event aims to cover many areas of solar food processing. The conference aspires to:

- Provide an active exchange platform for members of the Solar Food Processing Network, Solar Food Activists and companies in that field
- Share experiences from all over the world
- Offer workshops with food, marketing and technology experts
- Discuss quality requirements
- Offer practical training about technology and food processing
- Discuss the format of an international solar food standard
- Foster new cooperation between participants of the international conference
- Set targets for future activities
- Present results from the Solar Food Processing project of ISES

The time is ripe to offer an international forum on solar food processing as more and more initiative and projects worldwide are producing food items with the help of solar energy.

The fact that solar energy is used can be an interesting aspect of marketing. But what exactly is Solar Food? Can a standard be developed? What about certification? We look forward to discussing these issues together with you at the International Solar Food Processing Conference 2009.

The conference will also address the impact solar food processing initiatives can have on local communities. Lectures will outline the scope of solar food processing for industry and communities, present different technologies and share experiences.

You are invited to submit your paper abstracts until 15th September 2008 in any of the following topics:

- Local solar food processing technologies and local parameters

- Local marketing / grassroots projects / village industries
- International marketing
- Packaging
- Solar food processing and back-up systems, how to ensure sustainable energy supply
- Solar food: quality measures and indicators
- What is solar food? / definition and quality standards
- Examples of solar food projects : successes and hindrances, networking and cooperation

You are also welcome to submit abstracts on more than one topic. Authors will be notified by 10 October and asked to submit full papers or prepare poster presentations.

In addition to the programme the conference will also offer an **exhibition**. The exhibition ground at Barli Institute allows for practical demonstrations and exhibition of products and technologies. Please contact the Barli Institute directly at **solarfood2009@barli.org** for requirements and allocation of space.

More detailed information about the conference, abstract and paper submission and registration can be found at <http://www.solarfood2009.org/>.

We look forward to meeting you in Indore in January 2009.

Sunny greetings,
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