



UNH Energy Conference Promotes Sustainability June 20 - 21

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DURHAM, N.H. - Nearly 50 scientists, industry experts and policymakers from around the region will share the latest innovations in alternative energy at the first-ever University of New Hampshire Energy Conference June 20 - 21, 2008, in UNH's Kingsbury Hall. The conference, which is free and open to the public, marks the launch of UNH's energy laboratory, which brings together energy researchers from around the university.

"Like the UNH energy lab, this conference aims to put all sorts of people interested in energy and alternative energy in the same room and shake it up," says conference organizer Gordon Kraft, professor of electrical engineering at UNH.

Kraft notes that while some presentations will cover cutting-edge technologies and up-to-the-minute research, most will be accessible to a broad public, including school science students and their teachers. Researchers from UNH as well as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a variety of industries will present on a range of alternative power-generation technologies, including wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and ocean wave, and biofuels. Additional sessions will explore green building, energy efficiency, public policy and economic issues and will highlight UNH's sustainability and climate change efforts. Students and professionals will demonstrate alternative energy technologies both days.

Paul Werbos, a program director at the National Science Foundation, will give the keynote address Friday evening (5 p.m.). A banquet Friday evening at the New England Center is free to the first 150 registrants. Expected attendees include engineers, scientists, industry leaders, public policy makers, environmentalists, legal experts and interested citizens. Sponsors of the conference include Public Service of New Hampshire, Unitil, the UNH Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, UNH Parents Association, and engineering professional organizations: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

For additional information, a schedule, and to register, go to www.ece.unh.edu/energy_conference/. Although there is no fee to attend, participants are asked to pre-register online (registration prior to June 13 is appreciated).

