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Welcome

Dear SCCER CREST Member

We are happy to present the first SCCER CREST newsletter. You will receive this newsletter every two months from now on.

With this communication and message medium the management office of SCCER CREST tries to keep you updated on all SCCER relevant activities. You will get information on upcoming events and on research/people and have access to any relevant news.

If you have any news or information to be distributed within all CREST members or plan any SCCER related event, please contact the management office.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and to including your information and news in the next newsletter.

SCCER CREST Opening 2014

On May 15, 2014 the SCCER CREST was officially inaugurated as the new competence center for energy research with its leading house at the University of Basel. About 100 people from industry, politics and science followed the invitation of SCCER CREST to celebrate the opening event at the faculty of business and economics (WWZ) of the University of Basel. A welcome speech of Y. Lengwiler (Dean of the WWZ) and an honorific speech of E. Constable (Vice Principal for research of the University of Basel) opened the event. Prof. Constable stressed the meaning of energy research for the University of Basel. The introductory words of F. Krysiak (Head of SCCER CREST) and B. Furrer (Deputy Head of SCCER CREST) closed up this entering part of the evening.

In order to get a better insight into the actual work of CREST the leaders of the three work packages then presented examples from their domains. C. Cometta showed how the research would support innovation activities on a firm level. P. Burger illustrated how a combination of social science, economics and psychology will contribute to a better understanding of individual energy use and options for increasing efficiency and promoting sufficiency. L. Bretschger then demonstrated the role played by integrated assessment models for the design and analysis of Swiss energy policy.

The evening was rounded off with an "Apéro Riche", where the invitees had a chance to exchange experiences and clink the glasses to a fantastic project and many years of successful interdisciplinary collaboration to come.





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Agenda 2015 - Upcoming Events - Save the date

Workshop Workpackage 2 June 17, 2015 - Neuchâtel 11.00-14.00h

Members of all three WP's as well as industry partners who might be interested in household data are welcome.

Program details will be distributed in due time.

CREST Yearly Conference 2015 September 8, 2015 - St.Gallen 08.30-17.00h

More information will follow soon.

If you have any questions, please contact: management-crest@unibas.ch



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Yearly Conference 2014

"Social Acceptance in Energy" was the subject of the first yearly conference* of the energy research center SCCER CREST on November 6, 2014. More than 100 researchers from different disciplines as well as participants from industry intensively dealt with social acceptance as one key issue of the "energy transition". Not only does social acceptance determine the success of the energy transition, it is also a potential link for different fields of research as it may provide a base for (interdisciplinary) cooperation of researchers within CREST. Besides various members of SCCER CREST a number of international academics and representatives of the authorities, the energy sector and the Swiss Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI) participated at the symposium.

* The yearly conference 2014 was organised by the University of St. Gallen.

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For more information, please visit: http://www.sccer-crest.ch/media-events/events/ sccer-crest-yearly-conference-2014/

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PhD/PostDoc Workshop

On January 20, 2015 SCCER CREST organized a half-day workshop for all PhD students and PostDocs in the consortium. Firstly this workshop built a platform where young researchers could meet in person and got to know each other. Secondly the CREST Management aimed at getting concrete information on young researchers' needs concerning their further research (such as trainings in presentation, fund raising ability, mentoring, other needs for the personal academic/career advancement).

Specific research projects were discussed and new networks between the researchers were established.

As a specific result of this workshop CREST will offer a mentoring program for our young researchers and will organize further workshops and conferences for the young talents.

If you need further information on the mentoring program, please contact: Carmen Kobe, kobe@zhaw.ch

Scenario Workshop

SCCER CREST organized a one-day scenario workshop for members of all eight SCCERs on March 23, 2015.

35 researchers participated in this successful workshop, taking the opportunity to meet other researchers from different SCCERs and various research fields, to brainstorm on possible joint scenario projects and to discuss on funding possibilities for such projects.

Five specific project ideas were developed in detail, next steps were defined. We'll keep you informed on further events and news.



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