



## **Symposium on European PV Research Infrastructures**

**Chambery, France, 22 January 2015 (09:00 – 17:00)**

**National Solar Energy Institute – INES**

# **SOPHIA Networking activities – Results**

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## ● Sophia Networking activities : main aim

- ❑ Defining and sharing common PV RTD objectives
- ❑ Open cooperative approach over the future of PV research by expert committees
- ❑ Define common procedures for testing and characterizing PV materials, modules and systems, etc
- ❑ Organize training (onsite/online courses, summer schools) and exchange of personnel among different Research Organizations
- ❑ Dissemination of knowledge: internally and to non SOPHIA members

## ● interaction among partners: main results

- ❑ 18 networking seminars and workshops
- ❑ 11 common databases shared among partners
  - Sets of measurement data and test results:
  - Listing of test- and analysis capabilities:
  - TCO test facilities, PV systems and smartgrid test facilities, PV module test equipment, accelerated ageing test procedures, silicon imaging techniques
- ❑ Overviews of modelling tools on materials, devices, modules and PV systems
- ❑ Proposals of common testing procedures, and recommended best practices, proposals of amendment to IEC TC82 WG2 & WG7
- ❑ Several events/activities proposed to non SOPHIA Partners

## ● SOPHIA Knowledge Exchange Strategy

- ❑ Support actions among SOPHIA partner organizations to promote and sustain co-operative work
- ❑ Enhance and promote access of human resources to major research infrastructures in photovoltaic R&D
- ❑ Facilitate the development of science and technology on the use of the Sophia infrastructures through training of human resources at different stages of their career through targeted seminars, webinars, workshops, short courses, summer schools
- ❑ Assure equal opportunities in exchange and training for men and women, and for personnel of less favored European countries and research organizations

## ● Personnel Exchange Actions

- ❑ Short stay of permanent staff aimed for technical discussions, transferring technology and technical support

Senior researcher/expert coming to a host organization to teach/share knowledge on deposition techniques, characterization of materials and devices, performance and life time testing, accuracy of measurements and characterization, validation of models, computational procedures, etc.

- ❑ Bilateral visit/meeting

For mutual help, inter-comparison of models, common vision, test and round robin procedures, etc (duration 1-3 days - short visit). One example is Solar Direct Normal Irradiance (DNI) inter-comparison procedure

- ❑ Exchange of new personnel resources:

Students and early stage researchers willing to receive a research training in a specific SOPHIA host institution to improve their knowledge and ability regarding specific research activities

## ● Realized training workshop/courses

- ❑ Sophia Workshop on PV-Module Reliability “Interactive training course on EL & DLIT characterization of PV modules” held by ECN in June 2013
- ❑ four Sophia Workshops on PV-Module Reliability organized by FHG-ISE, FHG-IWES, JRC, CEA-INES, international
- ❑ four Spectroradiometer and Broadband Intercomparison held from 2011 to 2014 on Direct Normal Irradiance radiation
- ❑ **two** workshop on analytical tools for PV organized by HZB;
- ❑ four summer schools ISU-Energy International Summer University on Solar energy, wind energy, economics of renewable energy held in Falera, Switzerland;

- **training workshop/courses (...)**

- ❑ two workshop on PV Modelling infrastructure: The modeling chain (2011) and PV performance modelling (2013) organized respectively by FZ- Jülich and CEA-INES respectively
- ❑ two BIPV Workshops –on What are the requirements of PV in buildings organized by CEA-INES in 2013 and 2014
- ❑ Short course the “Best practices for power measurement of PV modules” held by JRC in July 2014.



## Workshop on analytical tools for PV ( 2012, 2014)

characterization of materials for photovoltaic application by means of the CISSY at the BESSY synchrotron

- X-ray emission spectroscopy (XES),
- X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)
- photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS, UPS, HIKE)
- The Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Facility

i.e. one of the most prominent defects characterization in thin film silicon, e.g a-Si and  $\mu\text{-Si:H}$ . by paramagnetic states analysis

Work programme

	Th 25.06.	Th 26.06.	Fr 27.06.	Sa 28.06.	Sa 29.06.
09-11	Theory	Practical work	Practical work	Practical work (optional)	Practical work (optional)
11-13	Theory	Practical work	Practical work		
13-14	Break	Break	Break		
14-16	Theory	Practical work	Practical work	Closing ceremony	
16-18	Practical work	Practical work	Practical work	11:25-14:00	
evening				Welcome drinks	

Organized by:



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[http://www.helmholtz-berlin.de/events/sophia/index\\_de.html](http://www.helmholtz-berlin.de/events/sophia/index_de.html)



Workshop on analytical tools for PV 25.06. - 27.06.2014

- Surface sensitive Synchrotron based materials analysis



- Multi resonance EPR/EDMR



2012: 15 students and young researchers from 11 different countries  
2014: 14 participants from 9 countries



## ISUenergy summer universities in Falera, Switzerland

The school integrates different academic in Physics, Material Science, Material Engineering, Architecture, Sociology, Political Science and Economics and it provide students with a solid foundation in photovoltaics, solar thermal technologies, wind energy, solar architecture, sustainability, smart grids and energy storage., LED lightening system)

### The ISUenergy 2014 highlights

ISUenergy 2014 will provide students with a solid foundation in renewable energies (especially photovoltaics, solar thermal and wind technologies), solar architecture and sustainable aspects. Well-known scientific researchers from leading universities and institutes will give lectures covering a wide range of topics on the principles of renewable energies.



Theoretical knowledge will be complemented with practical workshops (table experiments) in the first week and creative group projects (e.g. building a solar oven or installation of a LED lightening system) in the second week with special emphasis on hands-on experience. Overall ISUenergy 2014 will be two weeks of highly intensive training in the interdisciplinary areas of renewable energies.



Accommodation is arranged in fully-equipped cosy holiday flats with fellow students, which stimulates information transfer and networking among participants. Furthermore, the great location of Falera allows you to enjoy plenty of outdoor activities during your recreational time.



### Partners

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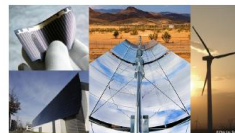
Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (zhaw)  
Institute of Energy Systems and Fluid-Engineering, CH-8400 Winterthur



Participants of the ISUenergy 2013

### ISUenergy 2014

International Summer University on Energy



Renewable Energies VI

Photovoltaics, Solar Thermal & Wind

24<sup>th</sup> August - 05<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
in Falera, Switzerland

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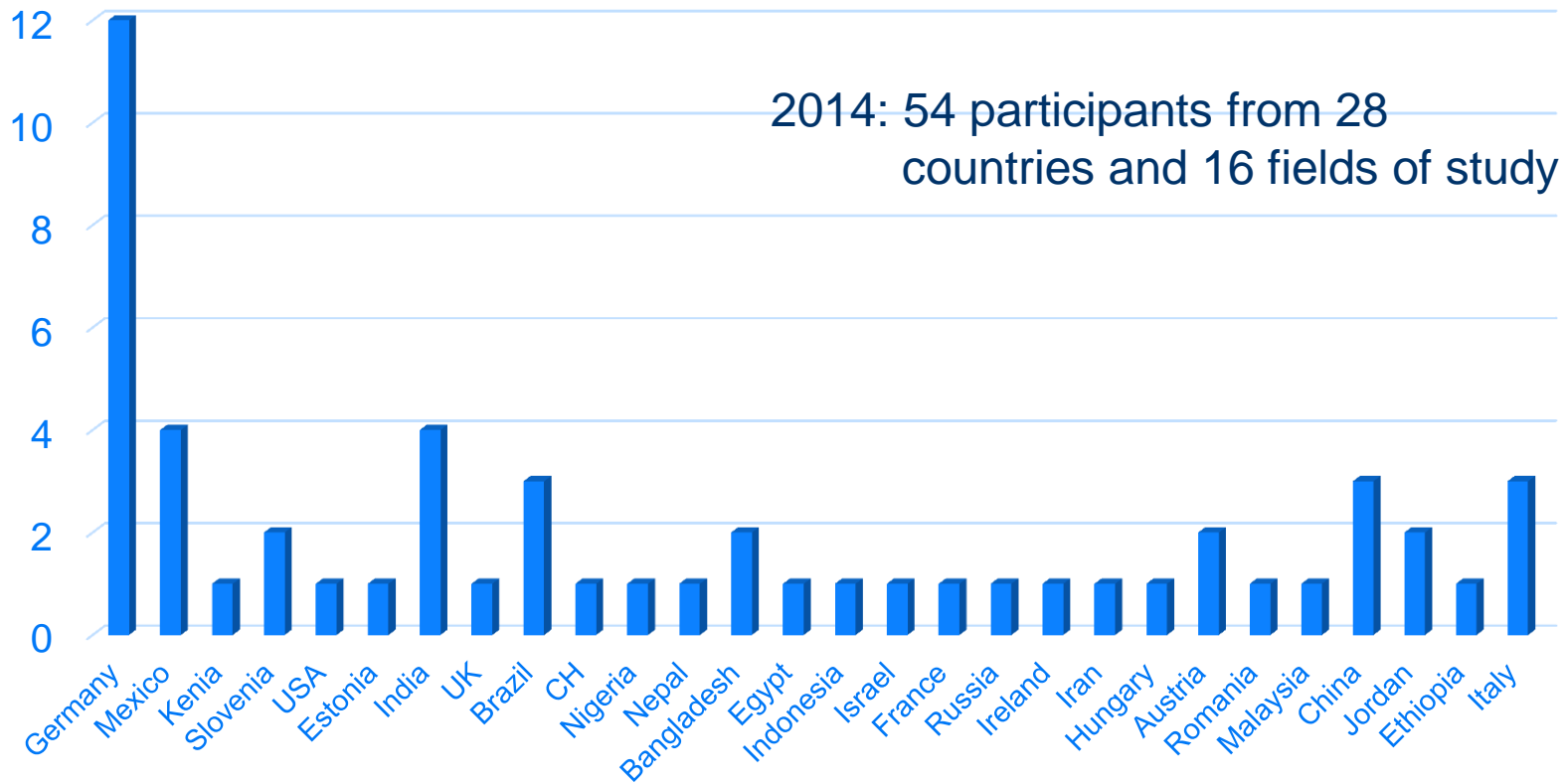
2011: 63 Participants from 22 countries and 12 fields of study

2012: 62 participants from 27 countries and 12 fields of study

2013: 52 participants from 24 countries and 10 fields of study

## ISU-Energy 2014

### Nationalities



- **Common objective of SOPHIA training workshop/courses**

- ❑ Course/webinars focused -- > on gaining practical experience
- ❑ Exchange experiences and best practices -- > aiming to harmonized approaches
- ❑ Assuring that any participant can directly realize measurements --- > make interpretation on selected samples assisted by experts
- ❑ Participants are requested to contribute to the interactive discussion, --- > by giving a presentation, when applicable

## • SOPHi@WEbinar



SOPHiA is an FP7-funded infrastructure project with the aim of strengthening and optimizing PV research capabilities within Europe. Further details on SOPHiA are available at the website <http://www.sophia-ri.eu>.

### SOPHi@Webinar

is the internal e-learning platform offering on-line in-depth training and discussions to all SOPHiA partners. The initiative is also open, on request, to interested universities, research organizations, and Ph.D

### Main SOPHi@Webinar Topics

- SOPHiA webinars are focused on
- Si Technology
  - OPV Organic Photovoltaics
  - TF Thin Film Technology
  - CPV Concentrated Photovoltaics
  - Material and Cell Characterization
  - Material and Cell Modelling

## ADVANTAGES

- Time saving and reducing travel costs:
- Fluid and improved Communication:
- No limitation on event location:
- Focused Involvement on the topic issues of direct interest
- Storage and streaming of produced output:



## PRESENTER

*Speaker/teacher*  
researcher/scientist offering the seminar on line. A local audience can also follow lecture/presentation on site



→ **Adobe® Connect™ web conferencing platform** ←

↓ ↑ **ENEA**

## On line Participant

*Audience/classroom\* :*  
the groups of students/researchers or individuals who follow the event on line.



*On line*



Conference rooms  
Classrooms



Individuals

Live chat

## MODERATOR/HOST

*Chairperson(s)*  
He/she organizes and manages the event, introduces and gives the floor to the speakers, manages questions/comments to the speaker by "chat" or directly by microphone at the end of presentation



## SOPHi@Webinar Topics

- Si TECHNOLOGY
- THIN FILM TECHNOLOGY
- LIGHT TRAPPING CONCEPT
- ADVANCED INORGANIC MATERIALS
- OPV ORGANIC PHOTOVOLTAICS
- CPV-CONCENTRATION PHOTOVOLTAICS
- MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION
- MATERIAL AND CELL MODELLING
- MATERIAL DEGRADATION
- MODULE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE
- LIFETIME PREDICTION AND RELIABILITY

**SOPHi@Webinars Platform key roles**

## Peculiarities of Sophi@webinar platform

ENEACRESCO Supercomputin



The E-learning platform can manage up to 600 participant


- designed and powered by ENEA and based on Adobe Connect Corporate platform.
- It runs on a ENEA supercomputing Cresco-Centro
- connected to GARR, the Italian Academic & Research Network based on high-bandwidth circuits up to 10 Gbps, using various technologies ( DWDM, SDH and MPLS
- licensed "on-premise" all data are stored on ENEA HW and fully managed by internal staff,

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**DIFFERENT BIPV PERSPECTIVES (PART I) : AN EUROPEAN, A NON EUROPEAN, A RESEARCHER, AN ARCHITECT, THE MARKET OUTLOOK**

Speakers: ASSOA Ya Brigitte; SAITO Hiroko; SCHNEIDER Astrid




Photovoltaics

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In date 10/11/2014

**SHORT ON LINE COURSE ON "CRYSTALLIZATION OF SILICON"**

Speakers: DI SABATINO LUDOVICO Maria; JUEL Mari; BELLMANN Martin P.



Crystallization is the lengthy natural process of formation of highly ordered structure of atoms that is today currently utilized in technology by artificially precipitating solid crystals from a solution, melt or gases to realize crystal structure. The growth of silicon Crystals is perhaps the most important technological topics of the last decades—the "silicon era" because it has been essential for the development of the electronic devices and solar cells

- ❑ 30 webinars organized since March 2013
  - Around 2-3 events/month organized
- ❑ 700 “live” participants in total (> 60 in streaming)
  - Majority of non-SOPHIA members
- ❑ Information on all courses available on the Sophia “events” web page
  - <http://www.sophia-ri.eu/news-events/news/>
  - <http://uttp.enea.it/sophiawebinar>
- ❑ Several pdf presentation of workshop and webinar (pdf, video) are available on-line on Sophia Events pages.



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## Different BIPV perspectives (part I) : an European, a Non European, a researcher, an architect, the market outlook



Fabrication: Building Hans Grohe GmbH  
Architect: Rot Dison, Freiburg

The integration of Photovoltaic elements into the building, the so called 'BIPV' is even today – after the solar revolution has started off worldwide – a huge challenge. BIPV might see a new era of success in the developing super mass markets for PV as solar energy will become the 'largest source of electricity worldwide'

The webinar based on three presentations of 2nd SOPHIA BIPV workshop presents different point of views of an PV Technology Research association representative, an architect and a Researcher on Building Integrated PV topic, considering market situation, countries regulations, R&D and architecture features.

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## Energy Concept: PV for Daylighting

Design of an optimized daylighting / PV-façade in cooperation with TR. Hamzah und Ken Yeang Architects, Malaysia: PV as external shading in combination with daylighting systems to mirror the sun into the deeper office spaces

Astrid Schneider – Solar Architecture

Source: Astrid Schneider, Solar Architecture, Berlin

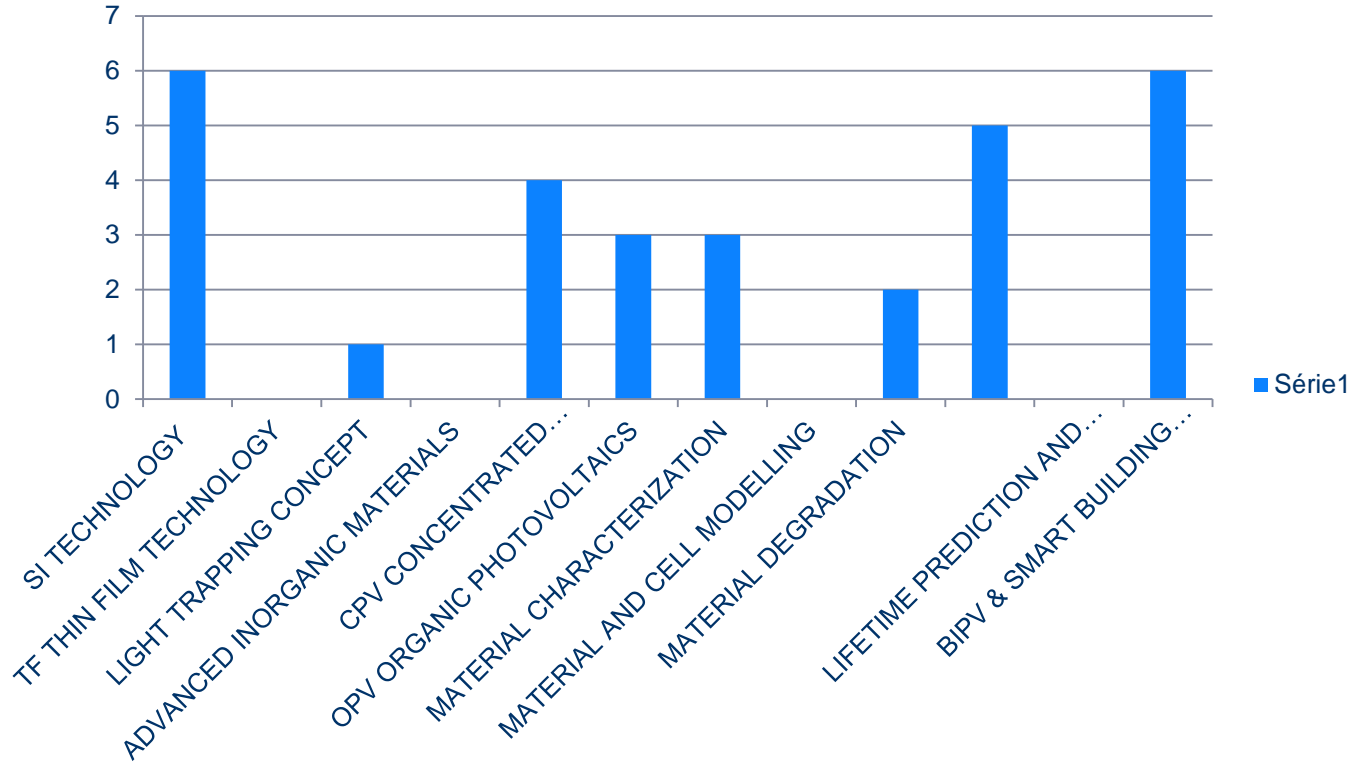
Chat (Everyone)

Luca La Notte: fully agree, a complete sum up of all aspects

Francesco Roca: Brigitte arrived and joined us. Hello Brigitte!

Ya Brigitte ASSOA: Hello everybody!

0:40:21/0:59:03



- **Last but not least events !!!!**

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## ***Different BIPV perspectives part II***

*Landscape, building integrated and performance modelling*

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 / 9:00 – 11:45**

Central European Time (CET) +0100 UTC; (Brussels Time)

**To register**

On-line participation



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## ***Short Course on CPV-concentrating Photovoltaic Indoor/Outdoor Characterization***

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 / 09:30 – 12:45**

Central European Time (CET) +0100 UTC; (Brussels Time)

## ● Conclusion

- ❑ FP7-SOPHA project has significantly improved cooperative approach and work among European PV RTD community
- ❑ Several improvements on procedures and best practice in testing and characterizing introduced
- ❑ New vision and effectiveness in organizing training (onsite/online courses, summer schools) and exchange of personnel among different Research Organizations