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## EVENT NOTICE

### Federal Agency of Science and Innovation of Russia joins forces with International Energy Agency

The Russian Federal Agency of Science and Innovation (FASI) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) are co-sponsoring a two day conference in Moscow to bring together senior experts from Russia and IEA's international energy technology collaboration network to work on the development of advanced energy technologies. High-level experts from 17 of the technology agreements (so called "Implementing Agreements") and Working Parties of the IEA network will take part in the talks together with Russian experts. The conference is held in conjunction with the exhibition "Emerging technologies of the XXI century" where the main achievements of the Federal R&D program are presented. While inaugurating the conference Mr. Sergey Mazurenko, Head of FASI, the state customer of the R&D program, said "more efficient and environmentally friendly technologies are recognized to be a prerequisite for sustainable development of the world. Sharing best practices and international collaboration in development of new, more efficient technologies contributes greatly to it." For his part Ambassador Richard H. Jones, Deputy Executive Director Designate of the IEA, commented that the IEA appreciated the opportunity to showcase the wide-spread IEA energy technology network and hoped that this week's conference would improve new prospects for international collaboration on energy technologies and related policies.

Work between the IEA and FASI is based on a Memorandum of Understanding which was signed earlier this year. Areas ripe for deeper international collaboration include clean and efficient coal combustion, CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage, renewable energies, optimising electricity supply, new technologies and fuels for transportation, hydrogen and scenario analysis.

This workshop brings leading figures from around the world in many of the most relevant energy technology areas to Moscow for discussions with their Russian counterparts. The IEA network for energy technology collaboration includes more than 5000 experts worldwide on all major energy technologies. Russian organisations already collaborate with six of the 42 technology agreements in this network and its participation is expected to increase. To facilitate closer interaction, the IEA introduced this week a new Russian language web page on its web site: [www.iea.org/russian/index.html](http://www.iea.org/russian/index.html).

This is the fourth in a series of events of the IEA outreach initiative NEET (Networks for Expertise in Energy Technology) following successful events held in South Africa, Brazil and China, which have led to a substantial broadening of international participation in joint efforts. Events with India and Mexico are planned for 2009.

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Presentations in English and in Russian will be available through the IEA NEET website ([www.iea.org/neet](http://www.iea.org/neet)), established to support implementation of G8 Plan of Action, the new IEA webpage in Russian, created to facilitate access to IEA documents for Russian-speaking web-site users ([www.iea.org/russian/index.html](http://www.iea.org/russian/index.html)) and web-site of the Russian Center for Energy and Resource Efficient Technologies, a contact point under FASI-IEA MOU ([www.cert-energy.ru](http://www.cert-energy.ru)).

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