

# 16. INTERNATIONALE PASSIVHAUSTAGUNG 2012

## 16th International Passive House Conference 2012

### Assessment of 234 submissions from 35 countries

#### *Passive House Conference Scientific Advisory Board convenes in Darmstadt*



*Susanne Theumer (Passive House Institute) and Björn Kierulf (Slovakia) allow a look over their shoulders during the Scientific Advisory Board meeting. © Passive House Institute*

With days of reading already behind them, the 19 members of the Scientific Conference Advisory Board met at the Passive House Institute on 7 December in order to decide the fate of hundreds of submissions. After 9 hours of discussion, one could see from their faces that they were satisfied with the outcome. Was it exhausting? "The day had an exciting atmosphere in anticipation of the Conference", said Harald Halfpaap, Director of proKlima – Der energy-Fonds.

234 submissions - 5% more than the previous year - were discussed and assessed during the meeting. "We found it difficult to decide because of the high quality of abstracts", admits Ludwig Rongen, who is an architect and Professor of Structural Theory. He also reveals the main points that matter: "Essential evaluation criteria include implementability and thorough documentation. We also want to choose as many submissions as possible that feature Passive House fulfilling high design demands."

This year also, architects, engineers, scientists, and construction experts have responded to the call for papers. A total of 234 abstracts from 35 countries have been submitted, half of which are in English, thus reflecting the internationality of the specialist conference.

Most of the contributions came from Germany (91) and Austria (23), followed by the United Kingdom (19), and the USA (15). Some abstracts also arrived from Ireland,

Denmark, Korea, Switzerland, Italy and from "pioneering regions". "These actors are trying to implement things in their regions which for us are self-evident. They are one of the initial pioneers and should be given the chance to take part in the International Conference", Mark Zimmermann (of Empa, Switzerland) praises the initiative taken by authors in new Passive House regions who wish to participate with a contribution in the Conference Programme.

Besides traditional themes such as "New research and developments", "Refurbishments using Passive House Components" and "Non-residential buildings in the Passive House Standard", the subject of the energy standard aimed for by the EU with a focus on "Passive Houses and Nearly Zero Energy Buildings " will also be addressed.

The Conference Programme will be published in January 2012.

### **16th International Passive House Conference with Specialist Exhibition**

Conference: Friday 4, May and Saturday, 5 May 2012

Excursions: Sunday, 6 May 2012

Supporting Programme: as of 2 May 2012

Venue: Hannover Congress Centrum HCC

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