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"With visitors from over 40 countries the Passive House Conference in Dresden will encourage the propagation of the Passive House Standard far beyond German borders. This will give an additional impulse to building designers as well as to private property developers in Saxony, where much practical experience is available. The Free State of Saxony provides attractive subsidies of 100 euros per square metre for building a Passive House”, says Frank Kupfer, who is the patron of the Conference and the Saxon State Minister. Conference participants will be able to visit some of the Passive House projects in Saxony in various excursions on Sunday, 30 May 2010.

Passive House Architecture Award 2010
Another highlight of the Passive House Conference is the "Passive House Architecture Award 2010" which is being awarded for the very first time, under the auspices of the Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development, Dr. Peter Ramsauer. It will be awarded for outstanding buildings which have been realised according to the Passive House Standard.

Over 50 contributions from many countries including Japan, China, the USA, Poland, Switzerland, Hungary, Italy, Denmark, Austria and Germany have been submitted to the Passive House Institute. At the 14th International Passive House Conference on 29th May 2010, the Award and special prizes will be presented in an awards ceremony by the Parliamentary State Secretary in the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, Jan Mücke, by members of the Jury and by the Scientific Director of the Passive House Institute Professor Dr. Wolfgang Feist. The prize-winning projects and all participants will be presented to the public at the accompanying Components Exhibition in the Congress Center Dresden.

Passive House Exhibition is fully booked
House owners, prospective house builders and housing associations are invited to visit the Components Exhibition. "Spanning an area of 3,100 square metres, more than 120 businesses and organisations from Germany and Europe will be displaying their products. They will provide information about energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly construction and refurbishment methods: from ventilation systems, heating systems, windows, doors, and thermal insulation to products for thermal-bridge-free construction."
Energy consultants, trade associations and other experts will explain measurement techniques and provide insights into quality assurance on site", summarises Christian Micksch, who is the Managing Director of the Energy Agency in Saxony – SAENA.

Exhibition visitors can also attend the manufacturers’ forum where exhibitors will speak about products and concepts for energy-efficient construction in over 40 lectures. The Passive House Components Exhibition and the manufacturers’ forum will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. on Friday 28th May and from 9.00 a.m. to 17.00 p.m. on Saturday 29 May. Entry to the Specialist Exhibition and manufacturers’ forum is free of charge.

The Passive House Institute and the Energy Agency in Saxony – SAENA are the organisers of these events. More details about the Conference and Specialist Exhibition can be found at www.passivhaustagung.de or www.saena.de.

About the Passive House
The Passive House combines very small energy consumption with high thermal comfort and good indoor air quality. The high level of energy efficiency is achieved through excellent thermal protection, thermal-bridge-free design, innovative window technology, airtightness and intelligent ventilation technology. The heating requirement of a Passive House is less than 15 kWh (equivalent to 1.5 litres of heating oil) per square metre of living space or useable area per year and therefore less than a third of the energy used by existing buildings.

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