

# **INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2012**

*The 2012 International Passive House Conference was a great success with 1,000 visitors from more different nations and more international presentations than ever before in its 16 year history. “Yet, it is not about quantity – what really matters are the contents,” said Wolfgang Feist, thanking the speakers from across the globe for their outstanding contributions.*

## **Passive House – a truly global concept**

Passive Houses can be built anywhere in the world; anywhere where people live. No matter the location, Passive Houses offer superior comfort with minimal technological requirements and, even more importantly, with extremely low energy use for heating and cooling. These benefits do not only apply theoretically – Passive Houses have been built and have proven to work across the globe as illustrated by dozens of designers from a variety of countries including the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Spain, Korea and China.

The Passive House Standard can be applied to any type of building. Examples featured at this year’s conference include the world’s first tennis hall in Växjö/Sweden and hospitals in Frankfurt and Cologne.

Among the key findings: actual consumption values reflect the enormous energy savings Passive Houses are designed to bring. Passive House design is based on the Passive House Planning Package (PHPP). Suitable for all climate zones worldwide, the PHPP is the leading design tool when it comes to energy efficient buildings.

Continuously improved components make designing and building Passive Houses all the more feasible. The latest developments and innovations were featured at the Passive House Component Exhibition, the largest of its kind thus far, including a variety of new top level “phA class” windows, another certified compact unit as well as state-of-the-art ventilation systems.

This year’s conference revolved around the adoption of the Passive House Standard worldwide, a development currently spurred by the Passive House Institute’s new EU funded project “PassREg: Passive House Regions with Renewable Energies”. The project was presented by Wolfgang Feist in his closing speech, leading up to next year’s conference concept and venue: the 17th International Passive House Conference, themed “Energy revolution with Passive House” will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, from 17 – 21 April 2013. Mark your calendars today!

Review of the 16th International Passive House Conference  
“Another milestone on the road to a sustainable future”  
Darmstadt/Hanover, 22 May 2012, Wolfgang Feist / press concept: Günther Lang



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