

GPD India to feature international specialists

Glass Performance Days (GPD) is an independent forum, dedicated to the development of the global glass industry. It has a record of success stretching back over two decades, during which it has become one of the world's premier conferences for glass specialists. The international sessions have spread from their origin in Finland to China, South America and India.

In January 2011, for the first time the Indian glass industry will benefit from GPD India being staged consecutively alongside GLASSPEX India 2011 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre. To reflect its leading position in the Indian sub-continent, *Glass Worldwide* has been appointed official journal for the event.

The main theme of GPD India will be 'Innovations in Architectural and Solar Glass Technologies' and the event will be tailored to the Indian market to review glass in architecture, flat glass, processing, product developments, energy efficiency, solar and glass technology and automotive solutions.

In addition to saving time and money by visiting GLASSPEX India at the same time, delegates attending GPD India will benefit from:

- Listening to expert advice on topics such as how to process glass.
- Realising new business opportunities.
- Learning the latest information that could help make savings in production costs and other areas.
- A focus on energy efficiency/savings and the use of glass in architecture.

GPD India will be held on 11-12 January 2011, whereas the GLASSPEX India event is staged from 12 to 14 January 2011. GPD is now calling for papers for the Indian event; abstracts should be sent via email to Brown Onduso at brown.onduso@gpd.fi. Registration for participants for GPD India will be announced later and will be online at www.gpd.fi.

Although an internationally renowned event, GPD is a relatively new concept to the Indian glass

industry. The first ever GPD India was attended by over 100 professionals when held in 2008 in New Delhi. They included solar industry professionals, glass processors, architects, façade designers, construction professionals, researchers and the glass media.

Eighteen high quality presentations were delivered by experts from façade designers, architects, research institutions, the glass and solar industries.

Taking into account the partnership with GLASSPEX India, having *Glass Worldwide* as the event's sole official journal and with the help of other media partners, the organisers are confident that GPD India 2011 will further establish the event as the Indian sub-continent's must-attend independent expert forum. As well as progressing from the 2008 event in Delhi, it will also draw on the international success of other recent GPD events, including:

- 11th Glass Performance Days, June 2009, Finland.
- GPD South America, May 2010, Brazil.
- GPD China, June 2010, China.

GPD FINLAND 2011

The 11th Glass Performance Days held in Tampere, Finland in June 2009, met the high expectations attached to this dedicated encounter between solar and glass specialists and attendance topped 800 - an impressive figure in the current business cycle. Almost 300 professional presentations spearheaded the programme that turned out to be the largest and best in the history of the conference. The lead theme of Renewable Energy and Energy Savings attracted representatives of the international glass industry, universities and research institutions, as well as structural engineers and architects. The strong growth of solar applications, especially PV, BIPV and thermal applications, where glass is such a key component, turned out to be of special interest.

The GPD 2009 attendance



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analysis reveals that some 70% of all 850 participants represented the sectors of architecture or construction. This is also highly encouraging against the background that buildings consume some 40% of all energy used in the world. Another impressive percentage is that some 40% of participants represented top management in their background organisations, the balance coming from managerial, design and specialist functions. The figures clearly show the key position the GPD has achieved as a leading forum for the international glass industry.

GPD Finland 2011 returns to Tampere on 17-20 June 2011 and is now calling for papers. Please submit your abstracts at www.gpd.fi.

GLOBAL BRAND

The first edition of Glass Performance Days South America (GPD SAME) was successfully staged in São Paulo, Brazil in May 2010 in conjunction with the Glass South America exhibition. The event attracted participants (including speakers) from many different parts of the world.

The most recent GPD event was GPD China 2010 in June 2010 with the theme 'Glass Going Green'. Glaston and China Building Materials Academy (CBMA) enhanced discussions on the challenges and solutions facing architectural glass and solar applications. The next GPD China will be staged in Shanghai in May 2011. ■



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