

Communications Department

The main international conference on fusion nuclear technology will be held in September 2013

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The 11th International Symposium on Fusion Nuclear Technology (ISFNT) will be held from 16 to 20 September 2013 in Barcelona's Palau de Congressos. It is the most important event on this subject matter in the world and will bring together over 500 scientists and engineers from all over the world.

The main aim of the ISFNT is to promote the exchange of information about scientific and engineering processes, and affords an excellent opportunity to announce the latest advances in the field, discuss key matters and establish synergies to solve problems.

ISFNT-11 will be organised jointly by the CIEMAT and the IREC, and will be chaired by Dr Joaquín Sánchez, director of the National Fusion Laboratory (CIEMAT). The minister for Enterprise and Labour, Francesc Xavier Mean i López, will act as honorary chair of ISFNT-11. The local organising committee is made up of M. Sanmartí (IREC), who will act as chair, O. Nomen (IREC), I. Martínez (IREC), A. Ibarra (CIEMAT), Á. García (CIEMAT), G. Domakowski (b_TEC), G. Prats (ACC10), J. Dies (UPC) and A. del Cerro (CDTI).

The capital of Catalonia was chosen from between Kyoto (Japan), Istanbul (Turkey) and Daejeon (Korea) to organise the conference. The CIEMAT and the IREC jointly presented Barcelona as a candidate, which was selected thanks to its scientific and organisational expertise. The Barcelona Fusion Center (bFUS) research programme devoted to fusion nuclear technologies, which the IREC is running jointly with the CIEMAT and the ICAEN, was one of the deciding factors for the selection committee in choosing the city.

The committee also took into account that Fusion for Energy (F4E), an agency belonging to the European Union, was based in Barcelona. This agency is responsible for managing Europe's contributions to the ITER project, the largest experimental centre to develop fusion nuclear technologies, which is currently being built in Cadarache (France).

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