

PRESS RELEASE

The Spanish Hydrogen Association (AeH2) and the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) will sign a partnership agreement to advance the research, the technological development and the market of the hydrogen and fuel cell sector in Spain and Canada.

- ❖ *By coordinating their efforts, both associations will jointly advocate new initiatives and technology development projects, thus positioning Spanish and Canadian entities of the hydrogen and fuel cell sector in a competitive place on the international market.*
- ❖ *Implied within the agreement is the cooperation between both entities to promote the relationship, cooperation and technology transfer of the Industry, the Public Administrations, the Universities and the Research Centers of both countries, with the purpose of benefiting the technology development of the sector.*

Madrid, 6th June, 2013. – The Spanish Hydrogen Association (AeH2) and the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA) have decided to combine their efforts to promote, in both countries, the research and technology development in the hydrogen and fuel cell sector, thus encouraging the collaboration and cooperation between the partner/member entities of both associations. This agreement is birthed in view of the need to promote advances in the hydrogen sector on an international level, thus providing a meeting point for professionals of the Canadian and Spanish sector.

Next June 18, 2013, within the framework of the International Conference: Hydrogen + Fuel Cells 2013 (June 16-19, Vancouver), the President of the AeH2, Mr. José Javier Brey Sánchez, and the President of the CHFCA, Mr. Eric Denhoff, will sign a partnership agreement ("*Memorandum of Understanding-MOU*").

Among the planned actions included in the partnership agreement are the following:

- To promote the relationship and cooperation among the member entities of both associations, as well as to further the development of hydrogen and fuel cell technology industry in both countries.
- To increase bilateral cooperation alliances among companies of the sector from both countries, with a view toward holding technology transfer events (*workshops, conferences, seminars, etc.*) and to promote the startup of high-standard R+D+I projects, all of this in order to strengthen the collaboration between the member companies of AeH2 and CHFCA, as well as the work on a global scale.



By promoting the internationalization of Spanish companies in an efficient way, this partnership agreement will likewise increase the competitiveness of the hydrogen and fuel cell sector, and therefore, the domestic economy as well.

It is worth noting that, thanks to the invaluable cooperation and support to the sector on the part of the Canadian Embassy in Spain, the signing of this partnership agreement is becoming a reality. Said Embassy has been collaborating with both associations since 2010, thus promoting a joint effort of the same for the sustainability and efficiency of the current energy system.

Regarding the AeH2 www.aeh2.org

As a non-profit organization, the main purpose of the Spanish Hydrogen Association (AeH2) is to advance the development of hydrogen technologies as energy vector and to promote its use in commercial and industrial applications.

The AeH2 is comprised of a group of companies, as well as private and public institutions and people that share a common interest in achieving the association's primary purpose. Included among its partners are the most active Spanish companies, institutions and researchers in these technologies.

Regarding the CHFCA www.chfca.ca

The Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA), in representation of the hydrogen and fuel cell sector, is at the forefront in the development of clean energy on a worldwide basis. Included among its members are entities (companies, private and public institutions) that have the necessary experience to implement and promote the sector.

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