

EUROPEAN Center for Power Electronics

The ECPE association (stand 12-551), founded in April 2003 as 'ECPE Engineering Center for Power Electronics e.V.', changed its name to 'ECPE European Center for Power Electronics e.V.' effective with the entry in the register of associations on 9 February 2005.

By changing the name into European Center for Power Electronics, ECPE continues on the way to establish a European Research Network for Power Electronics. For the ECPE Board as well as for the General Manager, this is stimulus and motivation to intensify and expand the contacts to industries and to leading university institutes and research centers in Europe. To become more attractive for smaller companies as well, ECPE introduced a special membership status for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with a reduced membership fee and weighted voting rights in the General Meeting of ECPE e.V. The SME criteria are defined according to the valid definition from the European Commission: no. of employees < 250, and annual turnover / balance sheet total < 50 mio. EUR / 43 mio. EUR, and independence (max. 25% under control of non-SME). Furthermore, a membership status for associations has been introduced with a reduced membership fee but without voting rights in the General Meeting of the association.

ECPE will organise a joint booth with leading European Competence Centers active in Power Electronics to present latest results from European

Research. In this frame, the ECPE Demonstrator Programs will be presented as well. In the forum program of the PCIM exhibition, ECPE will give a presentation on its Power Electronics Online Course (8 June 2005, 12.00 h) which is built up in cooperation with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Power Electronic Systems Laboratory. The course comprises interactive and animated Java applets as well as a script on fundamentals and theory of power electronics. www.ecpe.org

(Below). Industrial members of ECPE

