The Illinois Wind Working Group’s fifth annual Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Conference will be held July 21-22 at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Main Campus, Hermann Hall, 3241 S. Federal Street, in Chicago. The event is co-hosted by the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University and the Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Over 60 speakers will share their expertise during this two-day conference, through plenary sessions, breakout seminars, and breakout panel sessions. The conference program agenda includes such topics as Where is Wind Energy Headed in 2012 and Beyond, Wind Energy Policy in Illinois, Transmission Expansion for Wind Energy, Impact of Municipal Zoning Radius, Small Wind How To, Curtailment of Wind Farms Output, Wind Farms & Labor Unions, Habitat Conservation Plans, How Electricity Markets Work in Illinois, What Landowners Need to Know, Economic Development & Wind Farms, Wind for Schools, the Need for Power Purchase Agreements, Small Wind Zoning, Wind Energy Educational Programs, Project Valuation, Emerging Technologies, Do-It-Yourself Wind Farm, Current Research by the Center, IIT Wind Consortium Project, and Large Wind Development, Economics & Finance.

A detailed agenda, speaker bios, directions, and host hotel details are available on the conference website. (Note, please make your hotel reservations early, special room rates are only valid through June 20th.)

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On the homepage, click on the IWWG conference under “Upcoming Events.” On the conference page, near the top in red, are links to register online or apply to be a sponsor or exhibitor. A PDF of the registration forms are also available there. Questions? Please contact Janet at jniezgoda@ilstu.edu.
Dr. Loomis Awarded by Wind Powering America

Dr. David Loomis won the Midwestern Regional Leadership Award presented by Wind Powering America during the All-States Summit. The award reflects his creative leadership in advancing wind energy in the Midwest through his administration of the Illinois Wind Working Group. Attendees previously participated in an online survey to nominate individuals for awards, then team members at National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and the U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE) compiled and discussed the nominations and presented the awards at the Summit. Dr. Loomis thanked the members of the Illinois Wind Working Group and the Center’s dedicated faculty and staff.

Renewable Energy Majors Celebrate Graduation

The Center for Renewable Energy hosted a reception to recognize the accomplishments of the Renewable Energy graduates that celebrated commencement in May.

Graduates are expected to be conversant in diverse disciplines, including technical, managerial, political, and economic issues important to renewable energy. Students took a diverse set of courses in such areas as mathematics, technology, physical sciences, economics, safety and management. A required capstone course was designed to help students synthesize their learning experiences in these diverse subjects.

IL Wind Energy Team Exhibits at AWEA Windpower

The Center once again worked with Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (IL DCEO), Illinois Wind Energy Association (IWEA), and Illinois Development Council (IDC), to exhibit as the Illinois Wind Energy Team at the American Wind Energy Association’s annual conference, this year in California.

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