Second Announcement

Brussels, Belgium
19-20 March 2013

International Workshop
Ventilative Cooling
Need, Challenges and Solution Examples

Workshop description

The current development in building energy efficiency towards nearly zero energy buildings represents a number of new challenges to design and construction of buildings. One of the major new challenges is the increased need for cooling present in these highly insulated and airtight buildings, which is not only present in the summer period but also in the shoulder seasons and in offices even during occupied hours in winter. In most post-occupancy studies of high performance buildings in European countries elevated temperature levels is the most reported problem, especially in residences.

Ventilative cooling can be an attractive and energy efficient solution to avoid overheating of both new and renovated buildings. Ventilation is already present in most buildings through mechanical and/or natural systems and it can both remove excess heat gains as well as by increasing air velocities widening the thermal comfort range. As cooling becomes a need also outside the summer period the possibilities of utilizing the cooling potential of low temperature outdoor air increases considerably.

This is the reason why the interest in ventilative cooling has increased in the last few years and a number of new initiatives have arisen with the purpose to raise awareness of the technology, to overcome perceived barriers and to develop the technology for future application.

The objective of this workshop is to discuss how and when strategies for increased ventilation with outdoor air can reduce the cooling load while maintaining good indoor environmental quality? This includes:

- presentation of built examples to document the need and potential of ventilative cooling as well as the status of present approaches
- discussion and identification of the design challenges related to prediction and evaluation of the cooling need and the risk of overheating in high performance buildings
- presentation and discussion of perceived barriers and challenges in standards and existing building regulations for application of ventilative cooling
- presentation and discussion of new ideas and solutions

In addition to the workshop proceedings, an expected outcome of the workshop includes guidance and suggestions to focus areas for new activities for the Venticoool platform and R&D directions for the new research activity of the International Energy Agency (IEA): “ECBCS Annex 62 Ventilative Cooling”.

This event is organized with the technical and/or financial support of the following organizations:
Programme

Tuesday March 19, 2013

1300 – 1400
Registration and sandwich lunch

1400 – 1430
Welcome to seminar
by venticool platform and by Operating Agent of ECBCS Annex 62

1430 – 1545
Ventilative Cooling Needs and Potential
Moderator discussion: Max Sherman, LBL, US
- Urban heat island, climate change and impact on ventilation for cooling, Maria Kolokotroni, Brunel University, UK
- Personal control over indoor climate and the use of operable windows in summer (Tuesday), Atze Boerstra, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands
- Ventilative cooling potential of outdoor air now and in the future, Per Heiselberg, Aalborg University, Denmark

1545 – 1600
Break

1600 – 1730
Ventilative Cooling in Buildings
Moderator discussion: Per Heiselberg, Aalborg University, Denmark
- Energy concept of a passive school in Heusden-Zolder, Joerie Alderweireldt, 3E, Belgium
- A ventilative cooling system in a School Building, Imola, Italy, Mario Grosso, Politecnico di Torino
- Passive Cooling with natural ventilation rate, a case study, Pier Nicola Currà, Archefice associati, Italy
- Examples of built naturally cooled buildings, Flourentzos Flourentzou, EPFL, Switzerland.

1900–
Walking Dinner through Brussels

Wednesday March 20, 2013

900 – 1030
Ventilative Cooling in Standards and Regulations
Moderator discussion: Rémi Carrié, INIVE, Belgium
- Ventilative cooling in relation to the CEN M/480 work, Jaap Hogeling
- Ventilative cooling in building regulations – Country reports by Anne Marie Bernard (France), Karsten Duer (Denmark), Max Sherman (US), Maria Kolokotroni (UK), Bas Knoll (NL)

1030 – 1100
Break

1100 – 1230
Prediction of Cooling Need and Overheating Risk
Moderator discussion: Maria Kolokotroni, Brunel University, UK
- Challenges in the prediction of cooling need and overheating risk, Jan Hensen, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands
- Free Cooling is not Free, Jean Lebrun, Belgium
- Natural ventilation design tools, applications in commercial buildings, Stephen Ray, MIT, US
- Sensitivity of night cooling performance to room/system design: surrogate models based on CFD, K. Goethals, Ghent University, Belgium

1230 – 1315
Lunch break
New Solutions and Technologies
Moderator discussion: Jan Hensen, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands
- Ventilative cooling experiences by Renson: lessons learned and solutions, Ivan Pollet, Renson Ventilation, Belgium
- Application of PCM-related systems in the effective use of ventilative cooling, Baboo Gowreesunker, Brunel University, UK
- Progress made in research and design of stratum ventilation, Zhang Lin, City University of Hong Kong, PR China
- New solution for modern passive cooling and heat redistribution, Bas Knoll, TNO, Netherlands

Break

Round table discussion with industry experts (EVIA, Velux, Naventa, WindowMaster, ES-SO, consultancy engineers)
Moderator: Peter Wouters

Closing session
Summary of workshop discussions and conclusions, Per Heiselberg, Aalborg University, Denmark

Organizers

Secretariat
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Language
English will be the official language. No translation is foreseen.

Fee
The workshop fee is 302.50 € (VAT included). This fee includes participation to the workshop, documentation, the lunches and coffee breaks of the workshop days, and the walking dinner on Tuesday evening in the city centre.

In the case you would like to attend also the workshop ‘Securing the quality of ventilation systems in residential buildings: status and perspectives’ organized before the workshop ‘Ventilative cooling’, we will be very pleased to offer a discount of 20%. More information is also available on the AIVC, INIVE, TightVent and VentiCool websites.

Registration
Participants should enrol by returning the registration form available on the AIVC, INIVE, TightVent and VentiCool websites and pay the registration fee before March 1st, 2013.

Hotel accommodation
The website www.hotelscombined.com can be very useful. As this period is very busy due to other important international events in Brussels, we advise you to reserve your hotel as soon as possible.
Venue

The workshop will take place in the offices of the Belgian Building Research Institute (CSTC-WTCB) Boulevard Poincaré 79, 1060 Brussels, Belgium.

It is within walking distance of Brussels South train station, and not far away from the city centre (10 min walking).

How to get to our offices

If you come by plane or by train, the easiest way to get to the hotel is to go take a train to Brussels South station (Brussel Zuid – Bruxelles Midi).

By plane: trains run to the South Station every 15 or 20 minutes train from Brussels National Airport to Brussels South Station. Journey time: approx. 30 minutes. Fare: approx. 2.50 €. You can also take a taxi from the airport, but according to your arrival time, it can take longer than by train, due to traffic jam.

By train: the high speed trains stop at Brussels South station. 5 minutes by foot from the Brussels South Station. From the main hall, follow the direction ‘Tour du Midi – Zuidertoren’ and walk along the railways till the Boulevard Poincaré. Our offices are located on your left side.

By metro (map enclosed): Line 3 – Stop at Lemonnier. 2 minutes by foot to our offices. Our offices are just in front of you.

By car (map enclosed): we advise to use the paid private parking of the South Brussels Station (5 min by foot).