



INVITATION

IFD Congress 2013



13th – 16th November 2013, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

On behalf of the Dutch Roofing Association Het Hellende Dak we cordially invite you to participate at the IFD congress 2013 to be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands this November.

We as Het Hellende Dak are pleased to be hosting the event this year. And although my history with the IFD is short, I'm impressed with the ability of this organization. I am looking forward to meeting all the delegates from IFD, and to have a great congress!

This year's congress will be held in still a tough time, because the international financial crisis has quite an impact on our Dutch economy. A great deal of our members is going through a difficult time right now. Nevertheless there are also positive signs; Het Hellende Dak has participated in a large scale research, which indicated that within two years construction will start to grow again.

In the meantime, we seek opportunities in collaboration with other disciplines, offering complete concepts to our clients, and entering adjacent markets, one of which is solar. Currently there are good opportunities in the Dutch market for solar energy systems, both private and in large-scale projects. Working with solar does however require a specific approach, specific knowledge and skilled staff.

At the congress, solar is our theme, and we promise an informative line up of speakers and presentations from experts from both industry and science as well as a lively itinerary of local tours and entertainment for both delegates and their partners.

Rotterdam as a city has a great deal to offer for visitors, and has a gigantic harbour, for which it is famous. It is for this reason that we have chosen to stay in a hotel on the water, the wonderful SS Rotterdam; once one of the biggest ships in the world! Please book your hotel rooms before the 12th of September.

To assist us in the organization of the 2013 congress we would ask that you register your delegates now to allow us to plan for your visit and to ensure that your stay will be both informative as well as rewarding. After registration you will receive an invoice for the congress fee.

In closing I would like to say that I look forward to welcoming all of you to the 2013 IFD Congress in Rotterdam.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman HHD