









# SFERA II Training course for CSP professionals

## **Central receivers: Operation of heliostat fields**

## Announcement and call for applications

Location: Font Romeu Odeillo - CNRS

Date: June 13 - 17, 2016

Target group: The course is designed for engineers, researchers and representatives from

European CSP industry and companies who want to be trained on real CSP

hardware.

Course Language: English

Trainers: Scientists and Specialists from CNRS

Objective: This course focuses on central receiver plants. The training consists of both

theoretical and practical modules covering the following topics:

• Central receivers: overview, strengths and issues:

Typical thermodynamic processes for electricity and material production

o Receiver technologies: materials, surface and volumetric geometries

Storage strategies and benefits

o Optimisation: possibilities during design and operation

• Heliostat field design and operation:

Heliostat field design optimisation techniques

Heliostat field organisation: communication and energy topologies

o Practical test case: wireless field (Tower Thémis Targassonne)

Practical test case: wired field (Solar Furnace Odeillo)

Maintenance experience of heliostat fields: optical, mechanical and electrical

aspects

• Characterisation of heliostat fields:

o Optical quality determination techniques review: Photogrammetry, deflectometry

o Power distribution and aiming characterisation techniques

Practical test cases: fixed and moving target imaging, data processing

Application Deadline: The registration deadline is May 8, 2016 on a first come, first serve basis. Class size

is limited to 15 participants. Eligible candidates will be informed until May 13, 2016.

The maximum number of participants from one company is two.

Fees: No course fee is applicable. Accommodation and travel costs shall be covered by

the participant. We suggest booking in one of the following hotels in Font-Romeu-Odeillo-Via: Grand Tetras Hotel (40 min. walking distance) or Hotel l'Oustalet (10

min. walking distance).

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To apply, please fill out the *application form* and send it to: <u>anja.kruschinski@dlr.de</u>











#### **Course Program**

## Monday, 13 June

o Welcome dinner with participants and trainers

#### Tuesday, 14 June

#### Morning:

o Presentation of SFERA II programme DLR / M. Prouteau

o Transnational Access to PROMES facilities M. Prouteau

o Introduction to Central Receiver Systems A. Ferrière

#### Afternoon:

Heliostat field optimisation techniques
 C. Caliot

o Review of solar receiver technologies C. Caliot

o Visit of Odeillo's facilities E. Guillot

## Wednesday, 15 June

#### Morning at Themis solar tower site:

A. Ferrière / scientists CNRS

Visit of the facility

o Demonstration of heliostat field operation

o Heliostat and facility maintenance overview

o Experience sharing

## Afternoon at Odeillo big solar furnace:

E. Guillot / scientists CNRS

o Demonstration of heliostat field operation

o Heliostat and facility maintenance overview

Experience sharing

## Thursday, 16 June

## Morning:

o Concentrated solar optic raytracing C. Caliot

o Optic quality techniques overview M. Coquand

#### Afternoon:

o Concentrated flux techniques E. Guillot / A. Ferrière

## Friday, 17 June

o Goodbye coffee at the big solar furnace E. Guillot

o Discussion and close up



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http://sfera2.sollab.eu/

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