



Dear Hydrogen and Low Carbon Stakeholder,

It has been a very busy few weeks for hydrogen and fuel cell activities in the Midlands, so here is an update on what has been happening:

- On 2nd April we announced the launch of the Midlands Hydrogen Ring at the "Hydrogen and fuel cells: for a low carbon future" conference, held at the NEC in Birmingham. The response to this has been very positive and I am already receiving enquiries from people within our region and beyond about new potential sites to join the Ring.
- On the 14th April the BMHF became a founder member of the Regions and Municipalities Partnership on Hydrogen and fuel cells (HyRaMP) at a Constitutive Meeting in Brussels. This grouping was set up to give the Regions a voice within the JTI and may provide an important conduit for those who cannot afford the membership fee for being a JTI member.
- The 17th of April saw the opening of the University of Birmingham's hydrogen refuelling station, which is currently the only operational one in the UK.

To find out more about these stories, please go to the BMHF website at http://fcf.globalwatchonline.com/epicentric_portal/site/FuelCellsForum/british-midlands-hydrogen-forum.htm/.

Another important event was the presentation of Intelligent Energy and PSA's electric fuel cell hybrid demonstrator vehicle in Loughborough 23rd April. This is the first of a number of vehicles they are expected to test at Loughborough. For more information, go to http://www.intelligent-energy.com/index_article.asp?SecID=15&secondlevel=798&artid=3867>_&secondlevel=798&artid=3867.

The BMHF was at the Hannover Messe last week on a stand sponsored by EMDA. We had plenty of visitors who seemed to be universally impressed by what is going on in the Midlands. It has really come to something when Germans and Canadians are jealous of our hydrogen and fuel cell activities, but that is how much of a mark we are starting to

make, so well done everyone involved in making the Midlands such a success in this field. After a great first year for the BMHF, I hope we can keep up the momentum.

Best regards

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