

## Newsletter No. 13, December 4, 2009

### **„Ist das Klima noch zu retten?“ – Life broadcast from Swiss Radio DRS at ETH Zurich, December 7, 2009**

A live broadcast of the renowned political background radio program “Echo der Zeit” of Swiss Radio DRS from ETH Zurich on Monday, December 7, 2009 will provide background information on the Copenhagen climate summit. An interview with Prof. Reto Knutti and with ETH students will be complemented by contributions from the United States and China and by an interview with Federal Councilor Moritz Leuenberger. The live broadcast will be produced in the central hall (E-floor) of the ETH Zurich main building, Raemistrasse 101, 8006 Zurich from 18.00 to 18.55 for DRS 1, and from 19.00 to 19.55 for DRS 2 and will be available as podcasts at [www.drs1.ch/www/de/drs1/sendungen/top/echo-der-zeit.html](http://www.drs1.ch/www/de/drs1/sendungen/top/echo-der-zeit.html) afterwards.

### **Research highlight: CLIMPOL – Do small communities need an energy strategy?**

How can small communities cope with the challenges of climate change and what role do alternative energies like solar, wind, water, natural gas or biomass play? The ClimPol Transdisciplinary Case Study 2009 ([www.uns.ethz.ch/translab/cs\\_former/2009](http://www.uns.ethz.ch/translab/cs_former/2009)) tried to answer these questions in close cooperation with the community of Urnäsch (Appenzell Ausserrhoden) and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) doing business there. Different energy strategies have been developed, assessed with sustainability criteria, and evaluated by the relevant stakeholders. Furthermore, barriers have been identified which hinder SMEs from implementing climate friendly innovations. Overall, close to 100 people from the region have been involved for at least half a day and have thereby induced a process of capacity building. The Transdisciplinary Case Study 2010 ([www.uns.ethz.ch/translab/cs\\_actual](http://www.uns.ethz.ch/translab/cs_actual)) will again be organized in the Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden in close collaboration with the cantonal offices for environment and energy and for economic development.

### **Retrospect: “Klimawandel – wohin steuert die Schweiz?”**

An estimated 900 people participated in the presentations and discussions of the event “Klimawandel – wohin steuert die Schweiz?” jointly organized by CCES, ETH Zurich and the Sustainability Forum Zurich on November 12, 2009 with a key-note speech by Federal Councilor Moritz Leuenberger. The transparencies of the presentations are available at [www.cces.ethz.ch/klimagespraech/vortraege](http://www.cces.ethz.ch/klimagespraech/vortraege) and the podcasts of the speeches at [www.cces.ethz.ch/klimagespraech/videos](http://www.cces.ethz.ch/klimagespraech/videos).

### **ETH Zurich climate blog launched**

ETH Zurich is inviting the general public to take part in the discussion of climate issues in the recently launched climate blog <http://blogs.ethz.ch/klimablog/>. It is the first science blog of its kind in Switzerland, also involving authorities from outside the scientific community. Not only professors and students are blogging, but also representatives from politics, industry, culture, and society. The language of the blog is German, but comments in English are appreciated as well.

### **Success in Copenhagen? CLIMPOL panel discussion fostering optimism**

Contrary to the current media reports, a panel discussion organized by the CCES project CLIMPOL on December 1, 2009 spread good spirits: Uncommonly many prominent figures have promised their COP-15 attendance, the political will to find a collective solution to the pressing problems related to climate change seems to be uncommonly strong. Therefore, the four panelists, Andreas Fischlin (ETH), Patrick Hofstetter (WWF), Peter Niggli (Alliance Sud) and Malte Schneider (UNCTAD) expect the World Climate Conference to find an agreement which might not yet be binding under international law but sets a clear and credible sign for all countries to stay on the Kyoto track. Different ways and instruments were discussed; Copenhagen would have to guide the way to an intelligent mix of instruments to mitigate the global climate problems. Copenhagen will have to find a solution for the post 2012 era – the circumstances are better than ever. The podcast of the event is available at <http://www.multimedia.ethz.ch/misc/2009/cces/?doi=10.3930/ETHZ/AV-489a0235-a7c7-4b2c-80c0-7325bf0a4770>.

### **Climate Change Scenario Workshop, ETH Zurich, March 2, 2010**

The Center for Climate Systems Modeling (C2SM), and NCCR-Climate are organizing a workshop on future climate scenarios at ETH Zurich on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The objectives of the workshop are (1) to present the current state of scenario development at regional and global scales, and (2) to discuss the strategy for the development and dissemination of updated future climate scenarios for Switzerland. A preliminary program is available at [www.c2sm.ethz.ch/news/workshop\\_scenarios.pdf](http://www.c2sm.ethz.ch/news/workshop_scenarios.pdf). All persons interested in contributing to the development and application of national climate scenarios are invited to attend the workshop. Registration will open in January 2010.

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