

General Fusion Hosts Top Experts in Fusion Energy Research

More than 50 of the world's foremost scientists meet in Canada for the first time

VANCOUVER, CANADA (31 July 2017) – An annual gathering focusing on cutting-edge fusion energy research is being held outside the U.S. for the first time, with Vancouver-based clean energy leader General Fusion hosting the event from August 1-4.

The Exploratory Plasma and Fusion Research Workshop (EPR), which has previously been held at major U.S. research centers such as the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, will bring fusion industry experts from around the world to Vancouver. They will focus on overcoming key technical challenges with solutions that will unlock the potential of fusion to provide a clean, safe, and cost-effective source of energy.

The four day event provides an opportunity to combine the progress being made by public institutions in fundamental fusion science with ground-breaking innovations from the growing ecosystem of private fusion companies.

“We’re excited to host this event and share our latest advances with the scientific community and industry stakeholders,” said Christofer Mowry, CEO of General Fusion. “The industry stands at an inflection point, with new enabling technologies now available that will allow us to overcome the long-standing barriers to fusion.”

“General Fusion is one of the leading private technology ventures working to deliver practical fusion power in a time-frame that is relevant to the global geopolitics of energy,” Mowry said. “This event will be a great environment to foster the collaboration essential to accomplishing our mission, a mission that is shared by everyone attending the conference.”

The conference will be addressed by two representatives from the Canadian federal government: Jonathan Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and Kim Rudd, Parliamentary Secretary to Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources. The scientists and Ms. Rudd will also tour the General Fusion facility on August 3.

Mr. Mowry says the decision to hold the EPR conference in General Fusion's home city is an indication of the company's status as a world leader in the research and development of fusion as a commercially viable energy source, and of the role of Canada's growing cleantech sector.

General Fusion Chief Science Officer, Dr. Michel Laberge, will present the company's latest plasma compression findings to the conference on August 3.

About General Fusion

General Fusion is pursuing the fastest and most practical path to commercial fusion energy. The company was established in 2002 and is funded by a global syndicate of leading energy venture capital firms, industry leaders, and technology pioneers, including: Chrysalix Energy Venture Capital, Bezos Expeditions, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Cenovus Energy, Growthworks, Braemar Energy Ventures, BDC, Entrepreneurs Fund, SET Ventures, and Sustainable Development Technology Canada. Learn more at www.generalfusion.com.

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