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**26 - 30 August 2024 – Limassol, Cyprus**

**[ISES and IEA SHC International Conference on Sustainable and Solar Energy for Buildings and Industry](#)**

A) Questions about the Master's Course

- **When and where will the Master's Course take place?**

The course takes place from 25-31 August 2024 in Limassol, Cyprus during the [EuroSun 2024 conference](#). Attendance of the course and the conference on-site is mandatory.

- **What happens during the Master's Course?**

This Master's Course is a "self-taught" course, which means that there won't be any taught classes in the traditional sense. Instead, students will be paired in groups of two to study one of the conference themes by attending all events relevant to the theme such as oral and poster presentations, keynotes, plenaries and workshops. Students will also be given access to all full papers submitted to their theme in advance of the conference so they can prepare to attend sessions in advance.

On site, students will be supported by the course conductor Prof. Vajen who will also give online an introduction to the course before the conference.

- **Before the conference:** During their application to the course, students indicate their preference for which of the [EuroSun 2024 Conference Themes](#) they would like to work on during the Master's Course. Based on their choice, students will then be grouped internationally into pairs of two. Together, these pairs will work on the theme before and during the conference as well as present their findings for the exam of the course. Students will begin to prepare for the course at home by reading and working through the full papers submitted to the conference for the theme they will be working on.
- **During the conference:**  
The on-site part of the Master's Course begins on 25 August 2024 in Limassol with a mandatory meeting of all students and the course organizers. On 26 August, EuroSun 2024 begins with a range of events dedicated to student attendees. During

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the conference, the students are asked to attend all sessions relevant to the theme they chose as well as the additional conference programme. Daily short check-in meetings with the course organizers during lunch will be offered.

During the conference closing ceremony on 29 August, students representing the Master's Course will provide a short summary presentation of the course to the conference attendees.

- **Exam:** On 31 August, the last day of the Master's Course, the students will present their findings on their theme to the entire course as well as the course instructors. These presentations will be evaluated by the course conductors and make up the exam of the course. On completion of the course students will receive a graded certificate of achievements from the University of Kassel and the Cyprus University of Technology. The recognition of the course at your home university is at your own responsibility.

- **What do I need to prepare for the Master's Course?**

Before the on-site part of the course in Limassol, the students have to read, understand and analyze the papers related to their conference theme together with their group member. Themes will be assigned and student groups will be formed based on student's preferences.

Participants also need to organize their travel transport to and from Cyprus by themselves. See more information on travel and accommodation during the course below.

- **Who will teach the Master's Course?**

The course is supervised by Prof. Dr. Klaus Vajen of the University of Kassel (ISES President) and Prof. Alexandros Charalambides, Cyprus University of Technology (EuroSun 2024 Conference Chair).

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- **Who will participate in the course?**

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Applications are open to any student meeting the criteria listed below. Experience shows that attendance is multi-cultural, with students coming from many different European countries but also from outside Europe.

- **What do I get by attending the course?**

You will attend EuroSun 2024, an ISES and IEA SHC International Conference on Solar Energy for Buildings and Industry held since almost 30 years. It is a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments in solar energy, to connect to the ISES and IEA SHC solar community around the world, build professional connections and a great asset for our students overall.

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- **What is the timeline for accepted students?**

- 31 May 2024 - Deadline for Applications
- 05 June 2024 - Notifications of acceptance
- 16 June 2024 - Deadline for Students to register for conference + course
- 15 Aug 2024 - Full conference papers available for conference preparation
- Mo, 19 Aug 2024 – Introduction to the course with Prof. Klaus Vajen (online, mandatory)
- Su, 25 Aug 2024 - Check-in into accommodation + Welcome Dinner with Prof. Klaus Vajen (ISES President & Course Conductor) (mandatory) (dinner costs included in course fee)
- Mo, 26 Aug 2024 - Young ISES Meetings (optional) (meeting of young conference attendees, young ISES members and ISES team to clarify any questions on the conference and to introduce events dedicated to young conference attendees)
- Mo, 26 Aug 2024 – Solar Speed Dating (optional) (event to connect young researchers with senior experts in their fields of research)
- Mo, 26 August 2024 – Welcome Reception of the EuroSun conference (optional)
- Tu-Th, 27-30 August 2024 - During the conference: daily check-in meetings during lunch
- We, 28 Aug 2024 - Elsevier publishing workshop (optional) (workshop with representatives from publishing house Elsevier – publisher of the ISES journals Solar Energy and Solar Energy Advances – to learn about how to get published in an academic journal)
- We, 28 Aug 2024 - Conference Gala Dinner (optional & self-paid by students)

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- Th, 29 Aug 2024 - Closing Ceremony: Presentation on course by student representatives
- Fr, 30 August 2024 - Technical Tours (optional)
- Sa, 31 August 2024 - Seminar and exam + Fare Well Dinner at night (dinner costs included in course fee)
- Su, 01 September 2024 - Check out from accommodation

- **Can I participate in the course remotely?**

No, course participation is only possible in person and on-site. The course relies on students physically attending all conference sessions relevant to the theme they chose to study.

- **I need to cancel my participation in the Master's Course – what do I need to do?**  
The registration for the course is binding, so that cancellations are not accepted. In case of exceptional circumstances, please contact [yoann.louvet@uni-kassel.de](mailto:yoann.louvet@uni-kassel.de) or [eurosun@ises.org](mailto:eurosun@ises.org) as soon as possible.

## B) Questions about Applying to the Master's Course

- **Who can apply for the Master's Course?**

The course will welcome students holding a BSc degree with good knowledge of solar energy, solar buildings and related topics. **The course is dedicated to students currently enrolled in a Master's Program.** PhD-Students and Post-Doc are not entitled to participate in the Course.

During the application process, students will need to provide a valid student ID (valid until at least September 2024).

- **How can I apply for the Master's Course?**

Please apply to the course by completing the form [here](#).

- **What do I need to apply for the course?**



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To apply for the course, please apply using [this form](#). You will need to provide a valid student ID / confirmation of enrollment.

- **When is the deadline to apply for the Master's Course?**

Deadline for applications is the 31 May 2024. An overview of the Course timeline is available [here](#).

- **When will I be notified if I was accepted to the Master's Course?**

Notification of acceptance will be communicated in the week of 05 June 2024. An overview of the Course timeline is available [here](#).

## C) Questions about the Master's Course Exam, Workload and ECTS

- **What is the workload associated with the course?**

The workload of this course is 90 hours which corresponds to 3 ECTS points. This includes a literature study of the full papers submitted to the conference before the start of the conference, attending relevant sessions on-site during the conference as well as preparing the final presentation for the course exam.

- **How will my performance be evaluated?**

Your work will be evaluated based on the presentation of you and your partner on the last day of the course, 31 August 2024. On completion of the course students will receive a graded certificate of achievements from the University of Kassel and the Cyprus University of Technology. The recognition of the course at your home university is at your own responsibility.

- **Can I take the course exam virtually?**

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No, the presentation on which students will be evaluated can only be given in person, on-site at the last day of the course – 31 August 2024.

- **How many ECTS points does the course bring?**

3 ECTS points, equivalent to 90 hours workload.

- **What documentation will I receive when completing the course?**

You will receive a graded certificate of achievements from the University of Kassel and the Cyprus University of Technology. The recognition of the course at your home university is at your own responsibility.

## D) Questions about Course Costs, Travel, Accommodation, Meals, Financial Support

- **What are the costs of the Master's course?**

To secure their spot on the course, accepted students need to pay a course fee of **50 €** by the deadline communicated in their notification of acceptance.

**This fee includes:**

- free accommodation incl. breakfast for the duration of the course (Sunday, 25 August - Sunday, 01 September 2024)
- full conference registration for EuroSun 2024
- access to all conference materials such as extended abstracts, full papers and presentations
- free Welcome and Farewell Dinner with course organizers (Mandatory Welcome Dinner on Sun, 25 Aug 2024 and optional Fare Well Dinner on 31 Aug 2024)
- free attendance of technical tours (guided tours to relevant technical solar sites close to the conference venue)
- coffee breaks and lunches during the conference
- free Welcome Dinner (25 August 2024) and free Farewell Dinner (31 August 2024)



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- **Will the course fee be reimbursed in case students have to cancel their participation in the course?**

No, the course fee will not be reimbursed once students have confirmed their participation in the course as the cost for registration and accommodation has already been paid.

- **When should accepted students travel to Limassol, the venue of the course?**

Students are advised to travel to / stay in Limassol from 25 August to 01 September 2024. The first mandatory event of the course will take place on 25 August in the evening and the final full day of the course will be 31 August 2024 (exam day), late afternoon.

- **How do I get to the conference venue?**

The conference takes place in Limassol, Cyprus. International students are advised to fly to the airport of Larnaka. From Larnaka, shuttles to Limassol are available.

- **Will accommodation be provided for students?**

For the duration of the course, students will be offered free accommodation in a [local hostel in Limassol](#). Students can choose to stay in this hostel **or** to arrange for their accommodation externally. In the case of external accommodation, no costs will be covered by the organizers. In the hostel, students will share two-bed bedrooms, breakfast is also included.

Accepted students will need to confirm with the organizers whether they wish to stay in the hostel or whether they will arrange their external accommodation.

- **Do I have to stay in the accommodation provided by the organizers?**

No, each student is free to choose and organize their own form of accommodation. In case of external accommodation chosen and organized by the students, no costs will be covered by the organizers.



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- **Will I receive financial support in case I choose my own accommodation outside of the free hostel provided by the organizers?**

No, in case of external accommodation chosen and organized by the students, no costs will be covered by the organizers.

- **What meals will be provided to students during the course?**

On Sun, 25 August students will join the course organizers for a mandatory welcome dinner and dinner costs will be covered by the organizers. During full conference days (27-29 August), students will join the regular conference coffee breaks and lunches at no cost. In case students decided to join one of the technical tours on 30 August, lunch will be provided during these tours at no additional costs. On the final day of the course, 31 August, students are invited to join the course farewell dinner and dinner costs will be covered by the organizers.

Students who choose to stay at the free hostel provided by the organizers will also have breakfast included during their stay at the hostel.

- **Do the organizers provide additional financial travel support?**

No, no further financial travel support can be provided.

## Contact

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