



FERC Workshop/Trans-Atlantic Infraday (TAI) 7-8 November 2013



www.tai.umd.edu (information), www.regonline.com/TAI2013 (registration)¹

Dear Colleague: We are happy to announce two energy events for 2013:

- **Thursday Nov. 7, 2013:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC, www.ferc.gov) Workshop on “New Methods and Models for Improving the Efficiency of Power Grid Operations and Planning: Dealing with Nonconvexities and Variable Renewables”.
- **Friday November 8, 2013:** Trans-Atlantic Infraday 2013 Conference on all aspects of energy markets, for example engineering/economic models to analyze: Natural gas, oil, power, coal markets, food and energy, energy and transportation, renewable energy, Smart Grid applications, investments/operations in several energy markets

Note:

1. The FERC workshop will be a specialized meeting with talks concentrating on the topic above. This is the same as in previous years with just a change of theme (no charge).
2. Unlike the past six years, the Trans-Atlantic Infraday (TAI) this year will also be at FERC and will be free of charge.
3. Also different from previous years, the TAI Conference (8 November) will only be on energy topics with an infrastructure connection. This is still fairly general and several examples are mentioned above.
4. Also unlike previous years, food will be paid directly by the attendees. FERC has several cafeterias in house and there are a number of restaurants in the vicinity as well.
5. There is an optional dinner Friday night for \$45 per person.
6. Registration for the FERC workshop (Nov. 7), the TAI 2013 (Nov.8), and the optional dinner (night of Nov. 8) must be done on **www.regonline.com/TAI2013**. The reason is that for the two meetings on Nov. 7 & 8, we need to have the names of the participants ahead of time to allow them to enter FERC.
7. For any general questions please email: transatlantic_infraday@umd.edu. For specific regonline questions please contact Chalida U-tapao at cutapao@umd.edu

We hope that this new format will be easier for some people to attend. In addition, continuing the "tradition" started in 2012, we will have an optional hike on Saturday November 9, 2013 (details to be finalized during the meetings but Seksun Moryadee (smorayade@umd.edu) is the contact), see www.tai.umd.edu for more details).

We look forward to your participation and please feel free to send this announcement to interested colleagues. The following is the schedule for submitting abstracts and other important items:

1. **[Abstracts \(one page\) due on Tuesday 17 September 2013 \(email to \[transatlantic_infraday@umd.edu\]\(mailto:transatlantic_infraday@umd.edu\)\)](#)**
2. **[Notification of acceptance of abstracts on Friday 27 September 2013](#)**
3. **[Papers and/or presentations due to Chalida U-tapao, \[cutapao@umd.edu\]\(mailto:cutapao@umd.edu\) by Friday 18 October 2013 to load up on the conference website \(\[www.tai.umd.edu\]\(http://www.tai.umd.edu\)\)](#)**

Thanks.

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¹ Registration is required for all events: 7 Nov. Workshop at FERC, 8 Nov. TAI Conf. at FERC, Dinner 8 Nov., hiking 9 Nov. Only the dinner has a charge but for reasons of entry into FERC, attendee names are needed for the events on 7-8 Nov. See www.regonline.com/TAI2013 for details.