

Press release

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## **‘Mobility 2030’: SATW Congress and MobilitySalon**

### **Discuss and experience the future of mobility**

Zurich/Yverdon-les-Bains, 1 July 2008. **How will we get around in the future in light of exploding oil prices and the increasing CO<sub>2</sub> burden? The Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) will be looking at this question together with experts, politicians, economists and the wider public. At the end of August a Congress and MobilitySalon will be held on the topic of ‘Mobility 2030’ at the University of Applied Sciences in Yverdon-les-Bains. The SATW Congress will be aimed at experts, whereas the SATW MobilitySalon will be inviting the wider public to take test drives, marvel at developments and discuss the issues.**

Experts assume that the maximum global rate of oil production will be reached in the next few years. After that, global output will fall – forever. Switzerland currently covers half its energy requirements through oil, which is primarily used as a fuel.

### **Exchange the latest findings**

Given the increasing demand for mobility and the looming shortage of fuel, it is time to reflect, rethink and act. That is why the SATW is inviting people to an extensive dialogue about future mobility. At this Congress, people involved in research, business and politics will be able to exchange ideas about resources, the climate and technological innovations. The new SATW study on ‘The Shortage of Oil and Mobility in Switzerland’ will be presented for the first time there.

### **Test drive, marvel and discuss**

It is important to the SATW that the wider public also look at the issue of future mobility, not just the experts. It is therefore inviting everyone who is interested in this issue to come to an extraordinary MobilitySalon to be held at the site of the University of Applied Sciences Yverdon-les-Bains. Around 30 exhibitors will be presenting their latest ideas.

Will we get around in the future using hybrid drive systems? Using fuel cells? On two, three or four wheels? People will be able to see energy-efficient vehicles and take test drives. At the same time, public rounds of discussion, lectures and an exhibition will give an impression of how we will get around in 2030. Renowned academics, industrialists, politicians as well as experts from the area of administration will make this event both an unforgettable and educational experience. It will be free to visit the MobilitySalon. Those interested can find further information on the Congress and MobilitySalon at [www.satw.ch/mobility2030](http://www.satw.ch/mobility2030).

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#### **‘Mobility 2030’**

SATW Congress and MobilitySalon  
Friday/Saturday, 29/30 August 2008  
University of Applied Sciences Yverdon-les-Bains  
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### **Science and technology for the benefit of society**

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The Academy uses working groups in various specialised areas. These produce studies as well as recommendations and create interactive events. The SATW maintains permanent expert committees on the areas of international relations, information and communications technology, energy, applied bio-science, nanotechnology, ethics and technology as well as technology and society.

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