

NEWS

Good indoor air quality results in fewer absences

LA Testing offers indoor air quality (IAQ) testing services to help identify contaminants in schools that could be causing higher absenteeism rates. Earlier this month, Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory released information about a study that looked at the impact that fresh air had on classroom absences. The researchers studied ventilation rates from over 150 classrooms in California over a two year time frame. What the study found was that if all classrooms had ventilation rates up to the mandated state standards the reduction in absenteeism caused by illnesses could be approximately 3.4%. Read the [article](#).

CLIMA2013

The Active House Alliance was present at CLIMA2013 that is the world congress organised by REHVA (the European HVAC association). The workshop was very succesful and resulted in a lot of good input for the future development of the Alliance – e.g. the focus on simple guidelines on how to build sustainable. CLIMA2013 also offered a lot of presentations on different abstracts related to sustainable building. [Download](#).

In dialogue with the EU

Josefina Lindblom of the Directorate General Circular Economy of the EU has invited the Active House Alliance for a dialogue about the environment with her Sustainable Buildings team. Invitations from the Directorate General of Eco-design focusing on energy and from the Directorate General of Health focusing on comfort/climate are pending.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Symposium Sustainable comfort in buildings in Budapest

The topic of the symposium is the development of Nearly Zero Energy buildings and the long term political targets for sustainable buildings in Europe and Hungary. The programme is divided into 3 sessions.

The first will focus on political targets and the human need for sustainable buildings with healthy comfort.

The second session will present an overview of the Hungarian experience and examples of local projects, whereas the third session will feature a presentation of the active house specifications and examples of international sustainable architecture.



The symposium will end with a plenary debate on sustainable buildings with focus on human well being and comfort.

[More information.](#)

The Alliance

New members

We are very happy to welcome three new members to the Alliance: CENER, University College Nordjylland (UCN), and Institute of Building Research & Innovation GmbH



The **National Renewable Energy Centre (CENER)** is a **technology** centre, specialised in applied research and in the development and promotion of renewable energies. It has excellent qualifications and recognised national and international prestige.

The **University College of Northern Denmark (UCN)** generates applied knowledge for use in practice. They see it as their special responsibility to develop applied programmes for the health, education and business/technology sectors by creating innovative and interactive patterns for practice, education and research.

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We all wish you a great summer! The next newsletter will appear in September.