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Conference conclusions

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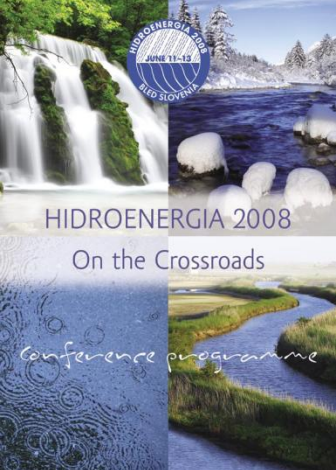
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Key facts of the conference:

250 participants from 36 countries

More than 50 presentations in 12 sessions on

- Policy, new opportunities, image
- Environmental solutions
- Planning, Engineering, Innovations

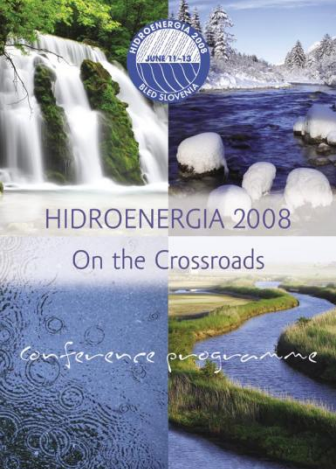
21 exhibitors & sponsors



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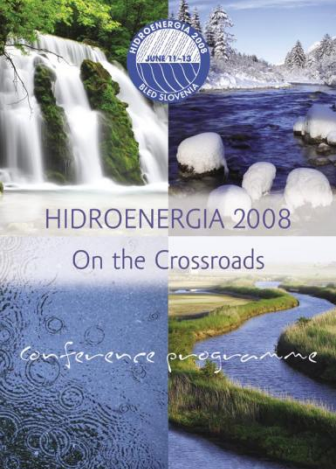
1. **Reconcile energy and environmental targets**
2. **Complementary of hydro in the renewable energy mix to overcome intermittency of certain technologies**
3. **Accelerate SHP development - build on new drive in the renewable energy sector & underline hydro's contribution to security of supply, stability of energy prices & climate change mitigation**
4. **Exciting opportunities in both Europe & developing countries**



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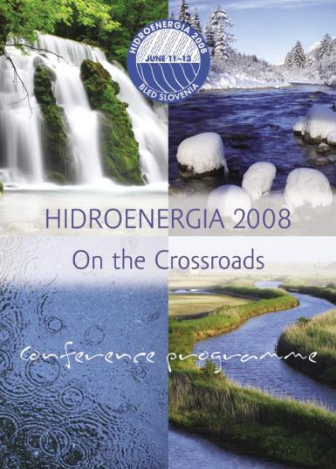
5. **Need for technological research to increase power output & exploitation of sofar untapped potential (multi-purpose, low-head sites)**
6. **Increased need for skilled workforce - need for further training**
7. **Great potential for rehabilitation of SHP sites without significant authorisation problems but substantial increase in power output**
8. **Perform well & talk about it!**



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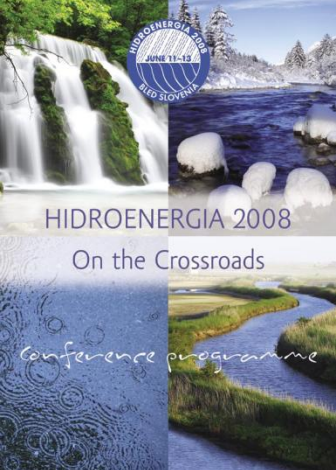
9. Excellent presentations and presenters!
10. Balanced mix of theory & practise
11. Lively discussions during breaks & receptions
12. Swinging gala dinner in splendid location
13. Good ambiance within the Hydro family!
14. Exciting times ahead!



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And above all:

**GREAT HOSTS
in a beautiful country**



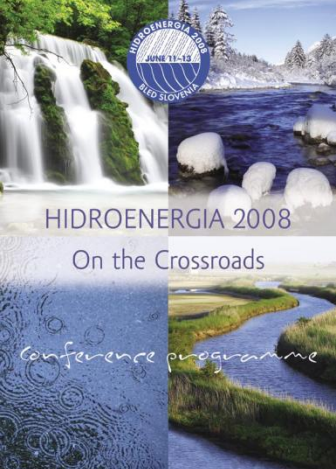
**....despite the good
hydro weather! ☺**



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