

## **CENER TAKES PART IN THE SCIENCE AND INNOVATION WEEKS**

- **With more than 90 activities that will be held between 8 and 21 November**
- **CENER will participate with open sessions, workshops, participation in the exhibition on technology centres and with a conference on biomass**

**Sarriguren (Navarra), 5 November 2010.-** The Science, Technology and Innovation Weeks will be held from 8 to 21 November in Navarra, coordinated by the Department of Innovation, Enterprise and Employment, through the Innovation Agency of Navarra (ANAIN) and promoted on a national level by the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

The event, which, this year, includes more than 90 activities, are free and open to both the general and specialised public. They are organised by more than 50 agents related to research and development, including CENER, to bring R&D&I closer to society in general and to foster knowledge and understanding about questions related to this sector. This is done through enjoyable, practical and advisory initiatives at the two universities of Navarra, education centres, technology and research centres and also, this year, in private enterprises.

As a novelty this year, the Navarra Innova Fair will be held, from 17 to 20 November, at the Planetarium of Pamplona where twenty odd activities, workshops, shows, specialised conferences, scientific film programmes, radio programmes and exhibitions aimed at the public at large, the specialised public and school centres, will be carried out. The first Navarra Innova Fair is organised around six activities: The Navarra exhibition, iDiscover the R&D&I that there is in your home, with the participation of 15 technology centres and 6 enterprises; manual workshops; scientific shows, the scientific film programme of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT); conferences and a concert by the violinist Ara Malikian.

## Active participation of CENER in the Science Week

The National Renewable Energy Centre (CENER) participates this year, organising an **open-doors conference** at the centre's headquarters in Sarriguren, next Tuesday, 9 November, in morning and afternoon sessions, where it will inform about the work carried out in the test laboratories of photovoltaic modules and solar panels, materials and photovoltaic cells or biofuel.

Furthermore, **two workshops, providing an introduction into the use of biomass as a fuel** will also be held that same Tuesday, and reference will be made to the Bioclus European project, with the participation of five European regions. In the case of Navarra, the project partners are: Government of Navarra (Dept. of Rural Development and Environment, and Dept. of Innovation, Enterprise and Employment), the company, Bioterna and CENER. The company, Ecofuego, also collaborates in the development of the Workshop.

**A conference will be offered at 6 pm on Thursday, 18 November at the Planetarium**, on the progress and studies of this **Bioclus project**. And as from 15 November, it will be possible to visit, at the Planetarium, too, the exhibition "Come and see how innovation improves your life", where **CENER will exhibit a model in motion that reproduces the Blade Test Laboratory**, an international benchmark for the sector, and which is located in the Rocafort industrial area, Sangüesa.

More information: [www.navarrainnova.com](http://www.navarrainnova.com) / [www.cener.com](http://www.cener.com)

## About CENER

The National Renewable Energy Centre of Spain is a technology centre, with excellent qualifications and international prestige, specialised in applied research and the development and promotion of renewable energies. CENER has more than 200 researchers, carrying out activities on the five continents. The Board of trustees is comprised of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Research Centre for Energy, Environment and Technology (CIEMAT), the Ministry of Industry and the Government of Navarra.

CENER performs its activity in six work areas in the field of energies: wind, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, biomass, bioclimatic architecture and renewable energy grid integration. Its headquarters are located in the Ciudad de la Innovación (Innovation Centre), in Sarriguren - Navarra, although it has offices in other locations in Spain. It has modern accredited laboratories and facilities in Europe, as is the case of the Wind Turbine Test Laboratory (located in Sangüesa), a biomass laboratory, a thermal collector and photovoltaic module test laboratory, as well as a photovoltaic cell materials and processes laboratory.