

Vaisala congratulates Dr. Walter Dabberdt and Ronald L. Holle

Vaisala is proud to recognize Dr. Walter Dabberdt and Ronald L. Holle for their recent achievements. Dr. Dabberdt has been designated a lifetime National Associate by the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies for his continued service with the Council. The NRC is a private, nonprofit institution that provides science, technology and health policy advice. The mission of the NRC is to improve government decision making and public policy, increase public education and understanding, and promote the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge in matters involving science, engineering, technology, and health.

Ronald L. Holle received the T. Theodore Fujita Research Achieve-



Dr. Walter Dabberdt

ment Award from the National Weather Association (NWA). This award is presented to an NWA member whose research has made a significant contribution to operational meteorology. Holle was recognized for his distinguished research



Ronald L. Holle

in identifying the characteristics and impacts of cloud-to-ground lightning resulting in improved lightning safety rules which have led to a reduction in lightning-related fatalities, injuries and property damage.

Vaisala to supply weather monitoring equipment to Russia

Vaisala will provide the Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (Roshydromet) with state-of-the-art surface weather monitoring technology. Vaisala is partnering with a local Russian integrator, Lanit, in

the delivery project. The value of the contract is 4.7 million euros, and deliveries started during 2008.

The equipment will be used across the entire Russian Federation in accordance with the Russian Federation National Hydromet

Modernization Project. Vaisala has previously supplied measurement equipment for numerous airports, transportation and meteorological monitoring services, and various industrial, maritime and polar applications in Russia.

APEC meeting in Lima, Peru

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held a symposium on climate change in August 2008, in Lima, Peru. During this meeting, MOR SRL, Vaisala's representatives in Peru, showcased Vaisala's automatic weather stations and sounding equipment to SENAMHI (the Peruvian

Meteorological Institute), and to the symposium participants from various countries. SENAMHI also demonstrated the operation of the Vaisala sounding system by launching a Vaisala Radiosonde RS92 from their mobile meteorological research van.



Vaisala refines its strategy and focuses on key market segments

Continuing the strategy redefinition started in 2007, Vaisala is further developing its strategy and focusing on markets with the most growth potential. At the same time, the company is renewing its organization and adopting a market segment based reporting model.

Environmental awareness is increasing at an exponential rate, creating demand for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. As one of the global leaders in weather and industrial measurement, Vaisala is ideally positioned to respond to these requirements: to grow within the existing market segments and enter new growth segments like wind energy, clean rooms and chambers and building automation.

Similarly, Vaisala's business environments are developing. Investments in airport and road infrastructure continue, resulting in a need for even more reliable weather information to maximize safety and

increase operational efficiency. The requirements for automated weather solutions, wireless connectivity and remote sensing technologies are also among the key trends within the industry.

"Together with our customers, we influence the lives of millions of people every day. We have a portfolio to meet the most demanding customer needs, from safety and wellbeing of people to safety and effectiveness of operations and operational productivity", says Kjell Forsén, Vaisala CEO.

Going forward, Vaisala is focusing its business on three business areas and ten market segments:

1) Meteorology, headed by Martti Husu, consisting of Emerging markets and Established markets. The Meteorology business area serves national meteorological and hydrological institutes, whose primary interest is to provide

national weather information and forecasts.

2) Weather Critical Operations, headed by Antti Ritvos, consisting of Airports, Roads, Defense, Wind Energy and Targeted Business Development segments. This business area focuses on customers whose operations or businesses are affected by the weather, like aviation customers, road authorities, defense forces and wind parks.

3) Controlled Environment, headed by Kenneth Forss, consisting of Clean Rooms and Chambers, Building Automation and Targeted Industrial Applications segments. This business area includes customers who operate in tightly controlled and demanding areas where the measurement of precise environmental conditions is required to increase operational quality, productivity and energy savings.

Vaisala builds new office facilities in Vantaa, Finland

Along with the growing business of Vaisala, the need for more office space at the company's headquarters in Vantaa has increased. To accommodate some 200 employees and to take into use more modern facilities, Vaisala will start a construction project in 2009.

The new energy efficient office building will replace one of the existing buildings. The construction project will start in the second quarter of 2009, and the new building is scheduled to be in place by the end of 2010.





Vaisala Humidity Seminars attended with enthusiasm

Vaisala held Humidity Seminars in 11 cities in the US and Canada for a total of 20 seminar days during 2008. Approximately 770 customers and others interested parties attended the seminars throughout the year.

Each Humidity Measurement Training Seminar includes a day of discussions and presentations about

humidity theory, psychrometrics, good measurement practice, and calibration as well as an optional breakout session demonstrating a one-point field calibration procedure. Due to good attendance, Vaisala is likely to continue with Humidity Seminars in 2009.

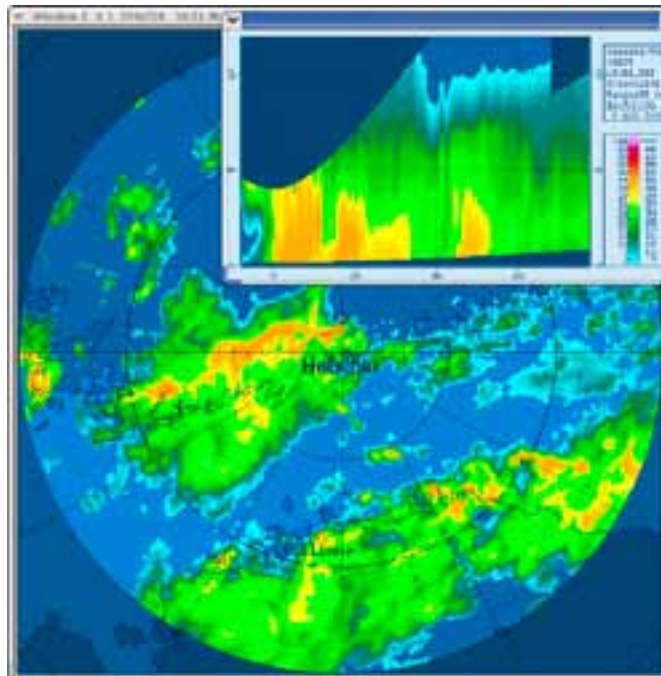
Further information:

www.vaisala.com/humidityinfo

Vaisala Sigmnet product line awarded by the American Meteorological Society

Vaisala is pleased to announce that the Vaisala Sigmnet product line has been awarded the 2008 AMS Corporate Award for major advances over many years to signal processing and display systems for both research and operational weather radars around the world.

First founded in Massachusetts in 1982, Sigmnet, Inc. was acquired by Vaisala early 2006, and has since been part of the Vaisala Group.



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