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Press Release

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ROCKLIN, Calif., March 23, 2010—[Sacramento State University](http://www.sacramento.edu), in conjunction with the [IEEE Sacramento Valley Section](http://www.ieee.org) and the [SMA Solar Academy](http://www.sma-america.com), recently held an educational seminar for engineering students and business professionals on the university campus.



Sacramento State University
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The event was hosted by the California Smart Grid Center in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Sacramento State and featured a one day training course and discussion on grid-tied photovoltaic systems, code compliance and performance monitoring.

Residential, commercial and utility systems were discussed during the full day seminar. Antonio Gomez, Solar Academy manager at SMA America, was the featured speaker.

"The Electrical Engineering department at Sacramento State provides students with a high quality education that prepares them to easily adapt to rapidly changing technologies," said Sacramento State Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, Dr. Emir Jose Macari. "By partnering with a solar industry leader such as SMA, we are able to provide our students with access to real world applications, challenges and resources that prepare them for life after school."

Representatives from local utilities joined students and IEEE members at the event, making for an eclectic mix of professionals and students of all technical levels.

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“SMA believes education is extremely important to the development and success of the PV industry,” said Dave Wojciechowski, director of sales for SMA America. “By partnering with the College of Engineering at Sacramento State to provide training for students and professionals, SMA is investing in our current and future solar workforce.”

The Solar Academy is SMA’s educational initiative aimed at supporting existing and prospective solar industry professionals. It provides seminars at the SMA America headquarters in Rocklin, Calif. as well as at rotating sites all over North America.

About SMA

The SMA Group generated sales of more than 680 million Euros in 2008 and is the worldwide market leader for photovoltaic inverters, a key component of all solar power plants. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany and represented by foreign subsidiaries in twelve countries on four continents. The Group employs a staff of over 4,000 (incl. temporary employees). SMA’s product portfolio includes the most comprehensive range of inverters on the market, offering a compatible inverter for every type of photovoltaic module and for all plant sizes. The product range covers both inverters for photovoltaic plants connected to the grid as well as inverters for off-grid systems. Since 2008, the Group’s parent company SMA Solar Technology AG has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index. In recent years, SMA has received numerous awards for its excellence as an employer.

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Attendees to the PV Seminar included Sac State Engineering students and faculty, IEEE members as well as engineers from PG&E, SMUD and other regional energy companies.

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