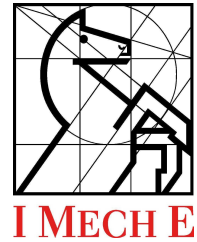


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## **The Great Energy Debate** *Are we doing enough to keep the Lights On?*

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Engineers from all over the country will converge at Reading University on 8 March to see if they can come up with a solution to avert a potential energy crisis.

Over 250 people will pack out the Palmer Lecture Theatre (White Knights campus) from 7pm to discuss everything from energy efficiency to where we could be sourcing our energy from in the future.

The event has been organised by the Thamesway Region of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMEchE), the leading global voice for the profession, in partnership with the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers. IMechE President, Andrew Ives, will open the event. John Baxter, Director of BP and Fellow of the IMechE, will chair the debate.

Brian Walker, Honorary Secretary of the IMechE Thamesway Region, said: "Energy, how we use it and where it will come from, is crucial to every single person. We need to ensure that enough is being done to ensure that we will continue to have an adequate supply of electrical power in this country."

Industry experts are being brought in to talk about the state of current and emerging technologies on fossil fuels, renewables, nuclear and how we can simply be more energy efficient.

**NB:** Journalists are invited to attend the event, but anyone wanting more information should contact Stuart Booth (tel: 01297 678179, e-mail [regsec@thameswayregion.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:regsec@thameswayregion.freeserve.co.uk)) or Brian Walker (tel: 01235 768707), e-mail [brian.walker5@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.walker5@btinternet.com))

**Notes to Editors:**

- The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) has over 75,000 members in 120 countries. It represents mechanical engineers involved in a diversity of fields such as the automotive, rail, aerospace, medical, power and construction industries to name a few. For more information on this release please contact [media@imeche.org.uk](mailto:media@imeche.org.uk) or contact Rita Congera, Media Relations Executive on 020 7304 6877. Directions are available upon request.