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i-PCGRID Workshop

The annual i-PCGRID (Innovations in Protection and Control for Greater Reliability Infrastructure Development) workshop was held on March 18-20, 2009, in San Francisco, California. Some of the power industry's foremost authorities joined leading academic researchers, prominent government experts and regulatory practitioners from around the world at this sixth annual event. The workshop explored technological roadmaps, challenges and milestones, building blocks toward the development of the modern power grid. The

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theme for this year's workshop was "Technical Renaissance for the 21st Century." Over 175 participants, including academic researchers, utilities, equipment manufacturers, governmental and regulatory officials from eighteen countries attended the event. Workshop panelists and participants discussed the global efforts to modernize the electric grid, including the development of data gateways to enhance the security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, and solutions to facilitate recovery from disruptions to energy supply.

The speakers and panelists covered topics pertinent to the electrical power industry and the important changes that are affecting it, including the protection and control vision of a modern power grid with higher levels of reliability and energy efficiency. In the long term, i-PCGRID aims to integrate current knowledge and research efforts with expert analysis during normal and emergency operations to create an atmosphere ripe for an energy "renaissance", fostering knowledge, sharing of best practices, and information exchange through workshops. ■

*Vahid Madani,
Prof. Roger King
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Novosel during
the workshop*

