

## International focus for carbon capture and storage school

Post-graduate students, early career scientists and policy-makers will hear from experts on carbon capture and storage (CCS) science and technology at the 2011 CO2CRC CCS School, now underway at the University of Melbourne.

With the potential to make deep cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions by capturing and storing CO<sub>2</sub> from major sources such as power stations, CCS is a fast developing technology attracting international interest.

39 participants are at this year's School, run by the Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC). 11 post-graduates from Korea, China, Malaysia, Indonesia and South Africa are attending, funded by the Global CCS Institute.

In opening the school, CO2CRC Chief Executive Dr Richard Aldous particularly welcomed the international students.

"The depth of expertise in CCS continues to grow and participants at this school bring valuable insights from their research areas and their country's efforts towards reducing carbon dioxide emissions," he said.

"The International Energy Agency believes CCS is an essential technology that could account for nearly 20 per cent of the greenhouse gas reductions the world needs to make by 2050. Global cooperation will be vital for taking CCS forward."

The three-day School will cover all aspects of CCS, including engineering, chemistry, geology, regulation and economics, with presentations from local and international experts.

The School includes field trips to the Latrobe Valley and to the highly successful CO2CRC Otway Project, Australia's only operational geological carbon storage project.

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