

Fuel Cell Commercialization Conference of Japan  
Fuel Cells Canada  
U.S. Fuel Cell Council  
World Fuel Cell Council  
Fuel Cell Europe

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### **Leading Fuel Cell Organizations Sign Collaboration Agreement**

Washington, DC -- The world's leading fuel cell organizations signed today a collaboration agenda that will initiate collaboration on information sharing, education, regulation and technical exchange. The U.S. Fuel Cell Council, Fuel Cell Commercialization Conference of Japan, Fuel Cells Canada, World Fuel Cell Council and Fuel Cell Europe collectively represent more than 300 businesses, research institutions and others interested in fuel cells and hydrogen.

The agreement implements a Memorandum of Understanding committing to cooperation on significant aspects of commercialization.

The signatories agreed to

- Support a proposal to change the regulation of air transport of methanol fuel cell cartridges, to accommodate micro-fuel cell products for cell phones and computers;
- Explore other avenues of cooperation and information exchange on regulatory issues, to the extent that the organizations individually deem productive and appropriate;
- Exchange information on test protocols and for some PEM fuel cell components;
- Organize a Second Fuel Cell Summit of Vehicle Demonstration Programs, and a concurrent exchange on Education and Communications;
- Internet-based information sharing.

The organizations will meet at least annually to assess progress and refine their activities; the next meeting will be held in June 2004 in Tokyo. Subgroups on Codes and Standards and Demonstration Programs will hold their initial meetings at that time.

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