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22 Jun 2022 → 24 Jun 2022

Energies (Journal)

R. Schmehl (Editor) & Christoph M. Hackl (Editor)
2021 → 2022

Wind Energy Science (Journal)

R. Schmehl (Editor)
2021 → ...

8th international Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2019) (Event)

R. Schmehl (Editor) & Oliver Tulloch (Editor)
15 Oct 2019 → 16 Oct 2019

8th international Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2019)

Roland Schmehl (Organiser)
14 Oct 2019 → 16 Oct 2019

7th international Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2017) (Event)

Moritz Diehl (Editor), Rachel Leuthold (Editor) & Roland Schmehl (Editor)
5 Oct 2017 → 6 Oct 2017

7th international Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2017)

Roland Schmehl (Organiser)
2017

Mini-Symposium Airborne Wind Energy

Roland Schmehl (Organiser)
14 Dec 2016

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14 Dec 2016

6th international Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2015) (Event)

R. Schmehl (Editor)
15 Jun 2015 → 16 Jun 2015

Delft University of Technology (Publisher)

R. Schmehl (Editor)
2015 → ...

Dynamic model of a bridled kite including rotational deformations

R. Schmehl (Speaker)
2015 → ...

Dynamic nonlinear aeroelastic behaviour of flexible wings in an airflow

R. Schmehl (Speaker)
2015 → ...

Fault-tolerant and reliable design of a pumping kite power system

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2015 → ...

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The AWESCO initial training network - Addressing the key engineering challenges of airborne wind energy

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2015 → ...

Traction power generation with tethered wings - A quasi-steady model for the prediction of the power output

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2015 → ...

Welcome to the Airborne Wind Energy Conference 2015

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2015 → ...

Flight dynamic modelling of inflatable membrane kites including aeroelasticity effects

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2013 → ...

Springer (Publisher)

R. Schmehl (Editor)

2013 → ...

Finally, kites have grown up

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

5 Oct 2012

Automated flight and recent development of kite power at TU Delft

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2012

Modeling and Simulation of Kite Power Systems

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2011 → ...

Recent advances in kite power technology

R. Schmehl (Speaker)

2010 → ...

European Academy of Wind Energy (EAWE) (External organisation)

R. Schmehl (Chair), Philip Bechtle (Member), Filippo Campagnolo (Member), Po Wen Cheng (Member), Moritz Diehl (Member), Lorenzo Fagiano (Member), Mac Gaunaa (Member), Jochem Weber (Member) & Chris Vermillion (Member)

2009 → ...

Prizes

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Bier, H.H. (Recipient), Schmehl, R. (Recipient), Cervone, A. (Recipient), Hidding, A.J. (Recipient), Wan, A. (Recipient), Vermeer, E. C. F. (Recipient), Verma, M. K. (Recipient), Jani, K. K. (Recipient), Avrămiea, E. C. (Recipient) & Jain, S. P. (Recipient), 2021

Press/Media

AWEC 2017

Roland Schmehl

29/10/17

1 item of Media coverage

Afsluitdijk designinnovatieproject

Wubbo Ockels, Daan Roosegaarde, Johannes Peschel, Roland Schmehl & Dominik Frey

2/01/18

1 item of Media coverage

After Highflyer Crashes, Airborne Wind Energy Regroups

R. Schmehl

3/02/21

1 Media contribution

Alphabet's Makani Tests Wind Energy Kites in the North Sea

Roland Schmehl

25/10/19 → 1/12/19

1 item of Media coverage, 1 Media contribution

Clean energy from an altitude of 500 m

Johannes Peschel & R. Schmehl

1/02/17

1 Media contribution

Cover Story : Effect of Chordwise Struts and Misaligned Flow on the Aerodynamic Performance of a Leading-Edge Inflatable Wing

A.C. Viré, G.H.M. Lebesque, M.A.M. Folkersma & R. Schmehl

21/03/22

1 item of Media coverage

Crossover-subsidie NWO: 4 promovendi voor Kitepower

Roland Schmehl, Pavol Bauer, Gautham Ram Chandra Mouli & Thiago B. Soeiro

13/12/19

1 item of Media coverage

Drones and power generation – what's the connection?

Roland Schmehl & Bernard van Hemert

7/02/18

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Energia pulita e sostenibile grazie a un'ala gonfiabile

Roland Schmehl

22/06/20

1 Media contribution

Fliegende Kraftwerke: Strom von Drachen und Drohnen

R. Schmehl & Philip Bechtle

24/01/19

1 Media contribution

Flugdrachen und Heliumringe: Kommt Windenergie bald aus der Höhe? door Axel Flemming

R. Schmehl

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1 Media contribution

Ganz oben: Winddrachen liefern viel zuverlässiger Energie, in der Regel auch dann, wenn am Erdboden Windstille herrscht

Roland Schmehl & Wubbo Ockels

1/04/16

1 Media contribution

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R. Schmehl

18/11/11

1 item of Media coverage

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16/08/21 → 18/08/21

16 items of Media coverage

Innovatieve vlieger wekt 2x zoveel energie op als windturbine

R. Schmehl & Johannes Peschel

19/12/18

1 Media contribution

Je hebt geen windmolen nodig voor windenergie. Door Barbara Debusschere

W.J. Ockels & R. Schmehl

30/11/15

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1/02/21 → 17/02/21

1 item of Media coverage, 1 Media contribution

Kite Power at the TU Delft

Roland Schmehl

3/11/17 → 3/11/17

1 item of Media coverage, 1 Media contribution

Kite Power: The world of airborne wind energy

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1 Media contribution

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Roland Schmehl

26/05/20
1 item of Media coverage

Lass fliegen!

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3/05/19
1 item of Media coverage

Lenkdrachen als Kraftwerk

Roland Schmehl
6/02/16
1 Media contribution

Lightweight wind energy. Door Jos Wassink

R. Schmehl
1/01/15
1 Media contribution

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Roland Schmehl
1/01/20
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Ready Flyer One: Airborne Wind Energy Simulations Guide the Leap to Satisfying Global Energy Demand

Roland Schmehl & Gonzalo Sánchez-Arriaga
26/02/19
1 item of Media coverage

Roland Schmehl 2020

Roland Schmehl
11/12/19 → 12/02/20
3 items of Media coverage

Roland Schmehl in de media 2021

R. Schmehl
13/04/21 → 14/10/21
12 items of Media coverage

Roland Schmehl in de media 2022

R. Schmehl & Johannes Peschel
8/02/22 → 21/11/22
15 items of Media coverage, 1 Media contribution

Roland Schmehl in de media 2023

R. Schmehl
1/02/23 → 28/02/23
3 Media contributions

Stromernte am Himmel. Die Forschung hebt ab. Wie Flugdrachen Stromerzeugen, erklärt Roland Schmehl von der Universität Delft. Door Henriette Horny

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11/03/15
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Vliegerenergie: naar betaalbare, schone energie

Roland Schmehl, Johannes Peschel & Martin Schmelzer

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Vliegerenergie: naar betaalbare, schone energie

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Windkraft: Wie wir sie besser nutzen können

Roland Schmehl

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2 Media contributions

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VTOL Rigid Wing for Airborne Wing Energy

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