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We Will Change the World

Solartaxi

First Solar Powered World Tour at UCLA

DATE: Tuesday, 22 July 2008

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: See room location on Schedule.

Come hitch a ride to the future, and the future is solar powered.

Louis Palmer, a Swiss solar pioneer, is doing just that, riding into the future around the world on a solar powered vehicle that he designed and built with the participation of four Swiss universities, including the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, and industry leaders from around the world.



Crossing 5 continents and 40 countries worldwide, he has arrived on the West Coast to tour Canada and the United States before leaving to Europe to attend the forthcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference. **The Solartaxi name is an invitation for people around the world to get a ride on solar energy.** Louis offsets the carbon footprint of his travel by buying carbon offsets and flying with airlines who are also participating in carbon offset programs.

A true Ambassador for Peace and Clean Technology, UCLA, MAE and the ISE are very pleased to extend a warm welcome to Louis. There will be a presentation on the engineering and construction aspects of the vehicle, a press conference, and as the name implies, he will offer free rides by the Ursus Magnificus and the Ackerman Union during the day, where the vehicle will be on display.



The **Jules Verne Solar World Tour**, a challenge to complete a tour of the world in 80 days named to celebrate the famous '80 Days Around the World' novel by the renowned author but **entirely solar powered** this time will be announced, and rules and details will be presented.

For more information, please contact Tony Pereira at apereira@ucla.edu.

All faculty, teaching assistants, students, post-docs and guests are cordially invited to attend. **FREE FOOD – CERTIFIED ORGANIC!**

SCHEDULE

8:00 am – 6:00 pm – Ackerman Union by the Bruin Bear

Solartaxi will be on display throughout the day. Free rides will be given.

10:00 am - 11:00 pm – TBA

Solartaxi: The First Tour around the World in a solar powered vehicle

A presentation of the design, engineering, construction and first tour around the world by a solar powered vehicle. **Louis Palmer: designer, inventor and owner.**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – TBA

Press Conference & Panel Q/A

Panel composition TBA.

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Beijing – The
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Tiananmen Square



Olympic Stadium
Beijing - China

Vancouver
Canadian
Day Parade



Anne-Louis Oh
Swiss Consul
Malaysia



Louis Palmer
Swiss solar pioneer



General Jean-Jacques
Joss – Swiss Army – DM
Zone - N. Korea, driving
the Solartaxi.



At KAIST – South Korea