

Biomass: Red herring or red hot?



A one day conference from the Solar Energy Society (UK-ISES) and BRE, hosted as part of resourceO5 and supported by ECSC. Biomass and Biofuels (REMIC II) – Conference C84.

Thursday 15 September 2005 at BRE, Watford

Biomass could make a vital contribution to the UK's targets for combating climate change. According to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (RCEP), biomass has not developed as quickly in the UK as elsewhere in Europe. The reasons for this are presently being explored by the Biomass Task Force which is working with industry and other stakeholders.

Sir Ben Gill, who is heading the task force, is delivering the keynote address at this conference on 'Barriers and their demolition', due to be published in their final report in October. This conference therefore offers a timely and comprehensive overview of the community based heat and electricity market in the UK. It will discuss the various aspects of fuel production, distribution and trading, as well as building integration and overall cost effectiveness. As well as providing an insight into international developments, it will draw out lessons learnt and stimulate a lively discussion of the key issues that need to be addressed.

Delegates to this conference also get free entry to the resourceO5 exhibition at BRE, the UK's largest showcase and full scale exhibition of renewable and energy efficiency technologies. The proceedings will be published by UK-ISES and will be available to all delegates.



Programme

9.00 Registration and refreshments

9.30 Introduction and welcome from the chair
Philip Wolfe, Renewable Power Association

Biomass Task Force – barriers and their demolition
Sir Ben Gill, Biomass Task Force

Achievements to date
Peter Billins, British Biogen

Heat networks – key to sustainability
Robin Wiltshire, BRE

The renewable heat obligation
Mark Candlish, Slough Heat and Power

Summary

11.00 Refreshments

11.15 Success stories
Stewart Boyle, Wood Energy Ltd

Biomass CHP
David Pritchard, Talbott's

Austria's biomass boiler boom
Christiane Egger, Upper Austria Energy Agency

Summary

12.30 Buffet lunch and resourceO5 exhibition including tours around biomass installations

14.00 Biomass applications utilised by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Dick Bradford, Barnsley MBC

Pellet market development in Northern Ireland
Peter Kernohan, Balcas Timber Ltd

The way forward – Introduction to Southwark EU Concerto project, a real life application of community biomass
Luis Hinojosa, London South Bank University

15.00 Panel discussion

15.15 Conference close

15.30 Optional additional tours around Biomass installations, workshops on Biofuels and Biomass standards, as well as continued resourceO5 exhibition and workshops

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