

SYMPOSIUM “FROM BIOMASS TO BIOGAS”

Ås campus, Norway, Dec 9 & Dec 10, 2009

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

The meeting takes place in Ås and will start at 12.00 on Wednesday Dec 9 and finish so that participants that wish to travel to the airport can catch the 16.35 airport bus from Ås on Thursday Dec 10 (arrival at the airport at 17.35).

On Friday Dec 11, Cambi will arrange an excursion to their Hamar plant leaving from Oslo at about 08.30 and returning to Oslo in the early afternoon. For those of you taking a plane on Friday, please note that one should travel directly from Hamar to the airport (we will arrange this). Please book your flights after 15.00. Details will be given during the meeting.

We have pre-booked rooms in a hotel very close to Oslo Central Station, Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania (<http://www.clarionroyalchristiania.com/>). The conference dinner on Wednesday evening will be in Oslo. Transport between Ås and Oslo will be arranged on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning (30 minutes trip). Otherwise you have to arrange transport to and from Ås yourself (see attached file with information – there are convenient bus connections between the airport and Ås, as well as train connections between the airport and Oslo Central Station and between Oslo Central Station and Ås). If you let us know your travel plans, we will do our best to pick you up at the bus or train stop in Ås.

We will pay the hotel costs for several of our foreign guests, depending on which arrangements have been made. If you have to pay yourself, please note that you do not have to pay the hotel directly but that you will have to pay to the organizers after the meeting (we will send you a bill). We will sponsor the hotel costs for self-paying participants so that the cost is limited to NOK 900 per night.

We will arrange lunch on Wednesday and Thursday as well a dinner on Wednesday evening. Those of you staying until Friday will have to make own arrangements on Thursday evening. Those that attend the excursion on Friday will be in the hands of Pål Jahre Nielsen (Cambi).

THE PROGRAMME – REGISTRATION OF PRESENTATIONS

In short, the programme is as follows:

DECEMBER 9

(airport buses as well as trains arrive approximately at 15 minutes over the hour)

From 11.30: Registration and Lunch in the Biotechnology building at UMB

13.00: Demonstration of the Steam Explosion set-up at UMB, Biotechnology building

13.45: Lectures & Discussion, “Sørhellingsa”, SU105

17.30: Transport to Oslo; check-in

19.30: Dinner

DECEMBER 10

08.30: Transport to Ås & Coffee

09.15: Welcome by UMB's rector, Prof. Knut Hove, Sørhellinga, SU105

09.30 – 12.00: Lectures & Discussion, Sørhellinga, SU105

12.00: Lunch

13.00 – 16.00: Lectures & Discussion, Sørhellinga, SU105

Departure of airport bus 16.35 (other buses leave at 15.35 and 17.35)

Departure of train to Oslo 16.34 (other trains leave 15.34 and 17.34)

DECEMBER 11

Excursion to Hamar (limited attendance)

There will be no abstract book.

The lecture programme is not yet complete. ***To those of you who want or are supposed to speak and have not yet sent me titles, please do so ASAP.*** I need more titles and speakers, in particular from Bioforsk and SLU. For now, the following lectures are scheduled (in random order):

- Pål Jahre Nielsen (Cambi): Cambi's thermal pretreatment technology, applied world wide
- Svein J. Horn (UMB – Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway): Steam explosion for easy saccharification and fermentation of biomass
- Vincent Eijsink (UMB): Innovative enzyme technology for biomass conversion
- Christian Leonhartsberger and Thomas Amon (BOKU, The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria): Sustainable feedstock production for biogas production and energy potentials of straw
- Trine Aulstad Sogn (UMB): Utilizing biogas by-products as a resource in plant production
- Sara Pérez (University of Valladolid, Spain): Sludge anaerobic digestion improvement by introducing a pretreatment
- Jens Bo Holm-Nielsen (University of Aalborg, Denmark): Biogas developments in Denmark - status and perspectives
- Marie Christensen Bjune (Bioforsk, The Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research): Methanogenic activity in bench scale reactors with manure and industrialized foodwaste.
- Tormod Briseid (Bioforsk): title to be decided (overview of ongoing projects)
- SLU, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden (Anna Schnürer, Jerry Ståhlberg, Mats Sandgren, Mikael Pell, Henrik Hansson and/or Volkmar Passoth and/or others): 2 – 4 lectures
- Lars Sørum and/or Odd Jarle Skjelhaugen: 1 lecture (on Norwegian Bioenergy Centers and Center activities)

Most "foreign lectures" will be 30 minutes, most "Norwegian lectures" will be 20 minutes. Please let us know your preferences if you have any. In general, your ideas and suggestions for the programme are welcome!

REGISTRATION AS PARTICIPANT

Attendance to the meeting is limited to those receiving this E-mail and their close associates / co-workers / students. Please do contact relevant persons that are not on the mailing list and suggest them to register as participant and perhaps even to propose a talk (if you consider this appropriate).

All participants need to register by sending an E-mail to Vincent.Eijsink@umb.no by Nov 30, 2009 (and sooner if you want to use an Oslo hotel room – see below). Please fill out the following form:

Name:

Cell phone:

I will participate on December 9:

I will participate on December 10:

I will participate in the lunch on Dec 9:

I will participate in the lunch on Dec 10:

I will participate in the dinner on Wednesday evening (Dec 9):

I wish to join the Friday excursion to Hamar (Dec 11):

I wish to stay in the Oslo hotel, Dec 8 - 9:

I wish to stay in the Oslo hotel, Dec 9 - 10:

I wish to stay in the Oslo hotel, Dec 10 - 11:

I wish to give a talk and I have not yet sent in a title. The proposed title and length of my talk are:

If you have questions or need additional help, let us know.

If we don't hear from you by **November 26**, we cannot guarantee the hotel rooms (sorry for the short deadline – this has to do with the fact that Oslo is packed with people due to Nobel Prize-related activities). If we don't hear from you before **November 30**, we'll assume that you are not going to participate.