7th International Conference of the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA)

May 26th – 27th 2010
Rheinforum, Wesseling / near Cologne (Germany)

Congress language: English

The congress will focus on the latest developments concerning hemp and other natural fibres.

The spectrum of participants will range from
- cultivation consultants,
- primary and further processors,
- traders, mechanical engineers,
- investors to enterprises to
- suppliers (for example: insulation material, pulp & paper, automotive).

They all share common interest in the industrial utilisation of hemp fibres and shivs. Other topics are hemp seeds and hemp oil in nutrition.

Don't miss the biggest industrial hemp event in 2010 - world wide!
Why hemp is a crop of the future!
Currently about 15,000 ha of hemp are being produced in the European Union. Following the decortication and fibre separation, the hemp can be divided into two main products: fibres and shivs. About 24,000 t of hemp fibres are being produced in the EU every year. Hemp fibres are most commonly used for speciality pulp and paper. New innovative applications include natural fibre composites used in the automobile industry (i.e. door panels) and many other applications (i.e. grinding discs), as insulation for the construction industry and agrotextiles for weed prevention and a renewable growing medium for cress and salad crops.

About 48,000 t of hemp shivs were produced in the EU. Shivs are used for animal bedding, particle boards for construction, furniture and gardening, especially as a less acidic alternative to bark mulch. The most important new application for hemp shivs mixed with Lime is for highly insulative wall construction in both domestic and industrial buildings. Hemp gives us the opportunity to lock up, sequestrate significant amounts of carbon in these constructions.

Hemp seeds are a third product resulting out of hemp cultivation. They can be used for food, feed and cosmetics. Applications for hemp seeds are snacks, oil for human consumption as well as body care and detergent. The bulk of hemp seeds are used for bird and fish feed.

Life cycle assessments (LCA) for different hemp products show significant environmental advantages. Hemp replaces fibre glass in composites and insulation materials and is used in the construction industry instead of conventional materials. The cumulated energy demand for producing hemp fibres is ten to 20 times lower than that for fibre glass. Hemp fibres and shivs belong to the “new biomaterials” which industry now demands. The use of hemp fibre will save finite resources, reduce CO₂ emissions and will store carbon.

Hemp, an innovative material, is good for agriculture, the environment and enhances regional development!
Programme

Preliminary programme of the 7th International Conference of the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA): www.eiha.org/conf7

COUNTRY REPORTS

Michael Carus (nova-Institut GmbH, Germany):
Topical state of the hemp industry

John Hobson (Hemp Technology Ltd, Great Britain):
Hemp Technology Ltd 2010

Prof. Arkom Kanjanaprachot (Maejo University and Royal Project Foundation, Thailand):
Hemp production in Thailand

Bodil Pallesen (AgroTech A/S, Denmark):
Industrial hemp as organic growth medium in Denmark

Lawrence Serbin (Hemp Traders, USA):
The Modern State of Hemp Textiles

HEMP SEEDS AND OIL

Andrea Herrmann (Hemp Oil Canada Inc., Canada):
Hemp for Food – an update from Canada

Dr. Michael Bronner (Dr. Bronner’s Magic Soaps, USA):
Marketing for hemp soap and cosmetics

Hans Fastre (Living Harvest Food, USA):
Hemp foods and Hemp milk from Living Harvest

NEW PRODUCTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FIBRES AND SHIVS

Pierre Amadieu (Sarl Start hemp, France):
Hemp fibre reinforced plastics from France

Dr. Mike Lawrence (University of Bath, Great Britain):
Characteristics and advantages of hemp-lime construction

Nicolas Meyer (ONYX composites, Germany):
Innovative bicycle frame made of hemp and bambus!

Dr. von Drach (ECCO Gleittechnik GmbH, Germany):
High – performance hemp fibres and industrial applications: brake linings, gaskets, and others

Martin Snijder (GreenGran B.V., The Netherlands):
Innovative Natural Fibre Reinforced Bio-Composite Granules for Cradle-to-Cradle Solutions – China in our hands?

Call for Papers

We would like to invite you as a speaker to this conference. Please send us as soon as possible the title and the abstract of your presentation!

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Exhibition

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3. Biowerkstoff-Kongress 2010
International Congress on Bio-based Plastics and Composites

April 20th – 21st 2010, HANNOVER MESSE, Germany, Convention Center, Saal 2

The nova-Institut invites you to the Biowerkstoff-Kongress within the scope of HANNOVER MESSE (www.hannovermesse.de) – The world’s leading showcase for industrial technology!

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Bio-based products are based completely or in relevant quantities on agrarian commodities or wood. Typically bio-based products are made of Wood Plastic Composites (WPC), Natural fibre Reinforced Plastics and Bio-based Plastics.

Besides, the congress has the following main topics:

- Industries and applications
- Market situation and trends
- Processing procedures and material qualities
- Research and development

Practically oriented for developers, producers, trades and users.

Further information regarding the innovation award on bio-based products 2010, programme and registration at:
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Information and contact
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