

Press Release

2005: The Kyoto Protocol comes into force, becoming international law Biomass as a solution to the Kyoto Protocol, emission trading, diversification and safety in energy supplies, job creation, cooperation and territory development

From the 17th to the 21st October 2005, France will host the 14th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition. The event aims to stress the potential of Biomass to fulfil the energy needs of modern society for both the developed and the developing economies world-wide.

The large success of the last edition, the 13th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (2nd World Biomass Conference and Exhibition) held in Rome in May 2004, which brought together more than 1200 delegates from 90 countries, underlined the promising future of economic growth for energy and products derived from biomass (agriculture, forestry and animal residues, related processing industry residues and energy crops) to tackle the World's pressing climate and environmental problems.

Conference Chairman, *Prof. Lars Sjunnesson*, says, "Biomass, like other renewable energies, is in focus when discussing how a sustainable society should be built. We tend, as we often do, to forget that biomass is widely used today in many parts of the world and that it was not that long ago when we in the so called western world used biomass extensively. In our rich easy-day living we can afford to discuss issues about public acceptance and public awareness and I think this is good because it will stimulate discussions on how to deploy new technologies in our energy future".

To this respect, this conference will unfold during five days of high calibre discussions, triggered by a broad range of presentations, both oral and visual, and specialised workshops, constituting an opportunity for information exchange and discussion among scientists, policy makers and operators on the following topics: ***Biomass resources; Research and development of bioenergy technologies; Demonstration and market implementation of biomass utilization in heat, electricity production and in the transport sector; International biofuels and certificates trade and policy issues; Economics and Benefits from Biomass; International Co-operation and Biomass utilization for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.***

The **Exhibition integrated** in the Conference, which last year counted with more than 100 exhibiting companies and organisations, will provide a unique opportunity for making business in the emerging biomass sector, displaying a wide range of innovative products and services.

To conclude, the Conference will be held at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, an unbeatable event location, which offers first class technical facilities and professional service.

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