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Rethinking Plastics – Programme Preview for the 11th European Bioplastics Conference 2016

New policy frameworks, market developments, innovative products and materials

Berlin, 15 September 2016. With less than 80 days to go, the preparations for the 11th European Bioplastics Conference on 29/30 November 2016 in Berlin are in full swing and the speaker line-up for the two-day event features some exciting new faces and innovations.



The 2016 edition of the leading business and networking event for the bioplastics industry in Europe will present you with a programme that will showcase the outstanding progress of our industry in ‘rethinking plastics’ in a sustainable and resource-efficient way. The agenda covers a wide range of important areas, including the EU policy landscape, the latest technological innovations in materials and conversion of bioplastics, advances in standardisation and labelling, bio-based feedstock, end-of-life solutions, as well as the consumer and brand perspective. And in keeping with a well-received tradition, the Bioplastics Magazine will announce the winner of the 11th Annual Global Bioplastics Award.

The full preliminary conference programme is available on www.conference.europaean-bioplastics.org.

Some of the highlights of this year’s programme include:

- Hugo Maria Schally, European Commission, DG Environment, Head of Unit for Sustainable Production, Products & Consumption;
- Waldemar Kütt, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation, Head of Unit of the Directorate’s Bio-based Products and Processing Unit;
- Rob Opsomer, Ellen MacArthur Foundation;
- Sabine Wirén-Lehr, Tetra Pak International;
- Peter O’Sullivan, HENKEL Ireland, Packaging Engineering Europe;
- Alexia Roma, Technoscentre Renault;
- Stepanie Triau, bioserie;
- Enrique Moliner, AIMPLAS;
- Chinnawat Srirojpinyo & Ryuichiro Sugimoto, PTT MCC Biochem Joint Venture of PTT and Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation;
- and many more.

Other highlights this year include the presentation of the market data update 2016 and a session dedicated to the market outlook in Europe, as well as a panel discussion on “The potential of bioplastics in the New Plastics Economy”. The panel will be opened by Rob Opsomer from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and debated between panellists and representatives of NGOs, including Piotr Barczak from the European Environmental Bureau and Delphine Lévi-Alvarès from Zero Waste.

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Another highlight will be a panel discussion on “The future of European Waste Management” that will explore how efficient waste management with regards to bioplastics can look like in future, which no doubt will be of great interest for all delegates.

The conference programme will be complemented by a number of networking opportunities and an exhibition alongside the conference. Following the great success of the past years, we again expect another exciting, informative, and fruitful conference in 2016 with more than 350 delegates, speakers, and exhibitors.

We would like to thank BASF, who is this year’s official platinum sponsor of the 11th European Bioplastics Conference, for their dedication to this important industry event and to the advancement of the bioplastics industry.

If you would like to participate or present your organisation in the exhibition alongside the conference you can secure your place via the online registration. To find out more, please go to www.conference.european-bioplastics.org or simply contact conference@european-bioplastics.org.

Photos and impressions of the 10th European Bioplastics Conference 2015 are available on the website: <http://www.european-bioplastics.org/news/multimedia-pictures-videos/>.

About European Bioplastics:

European Bioplastics is the European association representing the interests of the bioplastics industry along the entire value chain. Its members produce, refine, and distribute bioplastics, i.e. plastics that are either biobased, biodegradable, or both. More information is available on www.european-bioplastics.org.

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