LCA Discussion Forum
Ecointesys – Life Cycle Systems
Parc Scientifique de l'EPFL
CH-1015 Lausanne
Switzerland

#### Information

Registration Full Participants fee: CHF 250.- / € 170.-

PhD students & students

CHF 60.- / € 40.-

Lunch CHF 35.- / € 22.-

(to be paid cash upon arrival)

**Registration** Send registration form or E-Mail to

lcaforum@ecointesys.ch by November 10, 2008

An invoice and hotel information will be sent upon reception of

your application.

Language English

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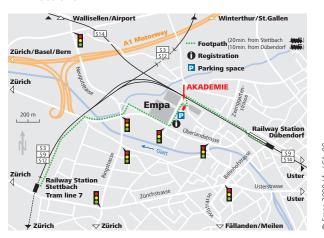
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#### Directions











36th Discussion Forum

# LCA of Future Biofuels



Empa, CH-8600 Dübendorf **AKADEMIE**, Überlandstrasse 129

**Monday, November 17, 2008** 09.00-17.10

Registration online at **Icaforum@ecointesys.ch** 



#### LCA of Future Biofuels

We are pleased to invite you to the 36<sup>th</sup> discussion forum on Life Cycle Assessment of Future Biofuels on November 17, 2008.

Nowadays the discussion about biofuels is dominated by food security issues and ecological concerns. Indeed, various studies on currently used biofuels have shown that environmental impacts over the whole production chain are often higher than for the fossil reference. New hope is set on coming technology developments and improved feedstocks. They promise higher efficiencies and lower environmental impacts.

The conference will provide an overview on recent LCA approaches and results of several case studies about future bioenergy, including BtL-fuels and synthetic natural gas (SNG), as well as emerging feedstocks like jatropha and algae. Crucial questions from an LCA viewpoint are:

- Is the overall environmental performance of future biofuels better than that of current biofuels?
- Which feedstocks should be preferred?
   What are the most promising technologies?

However, LCA deals with only one aspect of sustainability. To obtain a complete picture of the future potential of biofuels, environmental impacts should be weighted against impacts on the socio-economic level. At this conference a holistic approach for the technology assessment of future biofuels will be presented. Furthermore opportunities and threats of biofuels from the perspective of the rural poor will be discussed.

Looking forward to meet you in Dübendorf

Rainer Zah, Empa and Niels Jungbluth, ESU-services Ltd.

#### Program

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Welcome
  Rainer Zah, EMPA und Niels Jungbluth,
  ESU-services Ltd.
- 09.35 Swiss Regulation of Agrofuels and Prospects for Future Fuels
  Lionel Cretegny, BAFU

#### **New Technology Developments**

- 10.00 Life Cycle Assessment of Different Pathways of BtL-Fuels from Wood, Straw and Miscanthus Niels Jungbluth, ESU-services Ltd.
- 10.30 LCA of the Production of Synthetic Natural Gas from Wood and Considerations to the Optimal Plant Scale Bernhard Steubing, Empa
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 SunCHem a 3rd Generation Biofuel Technology to Produce Methane from Algae Martin Brandenberger, PSI
- 12.00 Short Presentations
- 13.00 Lunch

#### **Improved Feedstock Production**

14.00 Life Cycle Assessment of Jatropha Based Biodiesel Simon Gmünder, Empa

#### **Perspectives of Future Biofuels**

- 14.30 Risk & Opportunities of Biofuels for Developing
  Countries
  Somnath Bhattacharjee, Winrock India
- 15.00 TA-SWISS: Future Perspectives of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Biofuels Claudia Binder, Uni Zürich
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Panel-Discussion**Michael Hagmann (Chair)
- 17.10 Outlook and Farewell

## **Registration Form**



City

Signature

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CHF	60	/ €	40	for	PhD	students	and	student

□ Mr □ Prof □ Dr □ PhD Student/Student

- ☐ I register as a member of a sponsoring institute (please mention affiliation below)
- ☐ I will take lunch at the Empa restaurant (CHF 35.-/€ 22.-)

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☐ No, I won't be able to participate, but I would like to be
invited to subsequent forums.

□ Please	don't	send	me	further	invitations.