

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (UPDATED ON 04/10/2024)

	DAY I - MONDA	Y 25 NOVEMBER	
OPENING SESSION			
FOCUS SESSION I / Artificial intelligence and waste to energy			
Al / Environ- mental and planning issues	BI / Biorefinery	CI / Workshop: Generation of energy from mi- crobial fuel cells	
FOCUS SESSION II / Biogenic waste incineration plants: nonsense or part of sustainable waste treatment?			
DAY 2 - TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER			
A2 / Biomass and waste derived fuel	B2 / Aerobic digestion	C2 / Sewage sludge to energy	D2 / Workshop: Production & recy- cling of waste from renewable energy production
A3 / Combustion process	B3 / Biofuels	C3 / Workshop: Advances in biowaste fermentation	
A4 / Waste pyrolysis	B4 / Lifecycle thinking and assessment	C4 / Workshop: Biological upcy- cling of plastics	
AS / Gasification	BS / Biochar and relevant environmental issues	CS / National strategies and case studies	
FOCUS SESSION III / Energy and Circular Economy			
DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER			
A6 / Carbon capture	B6 / Anaerobic digestion: reactor design and control	C6 / Energy production from specific biomass	 D6 / Workshop: From waste to wealth. Exploring the power of agro- industrial waste
A7 / Resources recovery from industrial and commercial waste	B7 / Anaerobic digestion: process enhancement	C7 / Workshop: Low temperature thermal conversion	
A8 / Combus- tion residues	B8 / Algal bio- mass for energy application	C8 / Feedstock	
A9 / Hydrogen production and utilization	B9 / Fate and degradation of bioplastics in anaerobic digestion	C9 / WM optimization for resources recovery	D9 / Workshop: knowledge gaps on PFAS ther- mal degradation
FOCUS SESSION IV / Carbon Capture - a way to decarbonise the waste system?			
Thermal Biological Fuel & Energy pro- duction from waste Various			

SESSION A1 / / 25th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING ISSUES

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

L. Acampora, G. Costa, S. Malvezzi, B. Papa, C. Mensi (IT) Evaluation of emission factors for waste-to-energy plants based on experimental measurements and plant specific data

H. Gohar, G. Beggio, M.C. Lavagnolo (IT) Air-polluting emissions from pyrolysis of biomass and waste

D. Panepinto, B. Ruffino, S. Frisario, M. Urciuolo, A. de Folly d'Auris, G. Premoli, M. Zanetti (IT) Analysis of the PFAS treatment, regulation and experimental investigation

Y. Yoshida, Y. Hirai, J. Yano (JP)

Optimal location of incineration facilities considering multiple periods: a case study of Kyoto City

K. Kawai, H. Hirai, K. Ishiketa, T. Kobayashi, H. Kuramochi, M. Osako (JP) Biomethanation of biomass waste and its demand for the products by province in Japan

SESSION A2 // 26th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 BIOMASS AND WASTE DERIVED FUEL

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

B.N. López Niño, M. Buryi, A. Mašlani (CZ)

Solid product as possible elemental pollutants reservoir after Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) thermal plasma treatment

H. Sherif, M. Salah, M.S. Sadek, R.M. Sayed, S. Saeed (EG) Refused derived fuel (RDF) bio-drying by using composting turning machine in a full-scale Egyptian facilities

H. Sherif, M.S. Sadek, R.M. Sayed, S. Saeed (EG) Biomass Derived Fuel (BDF) production in Egypt: current status and future prospects *S. Park, H. Kim, H. Jo, D. Shin, J. Lee, J. Son, Y. Yun, C. Ryu (KR)* Forecasting operational performance of a waste incinerator using AI-based models

A. Ise, C. Nishihara, Y. Onuki, G. Matsumoto, S. Motoyama, S. Shigemasa (JP) Multiple AI models for improving combustion stability of waste-to-energy plants

S. Ozgen, A. Wu, F. Ruiz (IT) Modelling approaches for model-based predictive control of acid gases in waste-to-energy plants

T. Shinohara, H. Harada, K. Shiota, M. Takaoka (JP) Evaluation of corrosion of superheater tubes under CO2-rich environment in waste to energy plant *W. Zhao, H. Harada, S. Oleszek, K. Shiota, Y. Sakurai, K.Oshita, M. Takaoka (JP)* Study of pyrolysis characteristics of actual refuse to establish a pyrolysis gasification process for Municipal solid waste (MSW)

J. Zhang, Y. Guo, Z. Zhang, Z. Zhang, T. Zhang (CN) Sulfur and Chlorine releasing and migration during pyrolysis of anaerobic digestate derived from kitchen waste

A. Zhang, Y. Qiu, Y. Feng (CN) The effect of pre-pyrolysis on structure and properties of hard carbon for sodium battery Chair / Presidente: To be defined

S.-H. Song, J.-K. Kim, J.-W. Kim, C.-W. Park, J.-S. Kim (KR)

Steam gasification of wood using a two-stage gasification process: How to avoid bed agglomeration and tar problems simultaneously in a fluidized bed gasification.

N. Tanigaki, N. Fukuda, J. Takada, T. Izumiya (JP)

Development of an advanced shaft furnace gasification technology for municipal solid waste in a commercial scale plant

R. Zhang, K. Oshita, T. Shida, K. Nakajima, H. Toshioka, M. Takaoka (JP) Steam gasification as a sustainable strategy for automotive wire harness treatment and syngas production

V. Arconati, C. Boccia, F. Parrillo, F. Ardolino, G. Ruoppolo, U, Arena (IT) Hot syngas clean-up by catalytic cracking of tars: the effect of main parameters *T.F. Astrup, D Kuri, J. Haukohl, S. Halevi, M. van Brunt (DK)* Energy-from-waste – What is the potential to provide net-negative carbon emissions?

R. Salvador, R.-A. Doong (TW) Carbon sequestration potential within solid waste management

L. Cretarola, F. Viganò (IT) Performance comparison of various BECCS options

L. Cretarola, F. Viganò (IT) Review of BECCS technologies with a specific focus on combustion-based processes

M. Spinelli, C. Artini, M. Gatti, M.C. Romano, S. Consonni (IT) WTE with negative CO2 emissions via CaLooping: the Horizon Europe HERCCULES project

SESSION A7 / / 27th November 2024 10:30 -11:30 RESOURCES RECOVERY FROM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTE Chain / Dustidanter To be defined

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

P.T. Triwigati, S. Noh, S. Moon, E. Kim, Y. Park (KR)

Waste to Resource: feasibility study on ligand-based pH swing process for selective recovery of manganese and calcium carbonate from steel slag

K. Shu, C. Chuaicham, K. Sasaki (JP) Photocatlytic H2 evolution on Tio2/Fe-doped hydroxyapatite derived from converter slag

H.N. Ly, W.R. Lee, S. Kim (KR) Advanced indoor air treatment: tungsten-doped titanium dioxide nanohybrids for photocatalytic toluene removal

X. Lü, T. Lu (FI) Waste heat potentials from liquid cooled data centres for sustainable building heating solutions

SESSION A8 / / 27th November 2024 11:45 -12:45 COMBUSTION RESIDUES

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

G. Dodbiba, X. Zhang, T. Fujita (JP)

Novel approach for efficient removal of Chloride ions from incinerator bottom ash using Acetic acid and CO2 micro-bubbling

C. Lanzerstorfer (AT) Differences in the composition of fine cyclone fly ash and ESP fly ash from woody biomass combustion

Z. Liu, Y. Xia, L. Wang, J. Yan (CN) Recycling waste incineration fly ash and red mud into novel geopolymer

F. Lapp, F. Schmutzler, F. Brück, T. Liebich, M. Lang, U. Theilen, H. Weigand (DE) Potential of pelletized bottom and fly ashes from wood combustion for sustainable H2S removal from biogas

C. Owusu Prempeh, A.J. Babafemi, I. Hartmann, M. Nelles (DE) Post-treatment of sugarcane bagasse ash: a comparative analysis of acid treatment and sol-gel process

SESSION A9 / / 27th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 HYDROGEN PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

E.K. Byeon, H.-I. Kim (KR)

Sustainable hydrogen production via electrolysis of ammonia in landfill leachate

D. Cuesta-Mota, L. Canals Casals, V. López-Grimau (ES)

Hydrogen production during the electrochemical treatment of textile dyeing concentrates rejected from nanofiltration

G.S. Ganesh, S. Dasappa, B. Patil, A.M. Shivapuji (IN)

Comparative economic and environmental performance assessment of biomass gasification pathway for green H2 production

F. Ardolino, F. Parrillo, U. Arena (IT)

Environmental performance of a regional railway transportation fueled by hydrogen from waste

SESSION B1 / / 25th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 BIOREFINERY

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

S. Ajdari, A.S. Salim (SE)

Transforming waste into value: sustainable production of platform chemicals in Sweden

E. Sventzouri, K. Pispas, G. Manthos, M. Kornaros (GR)

Selecting and cultivating photosynthetic microorganisms in anaerobic digestion effluent from agricultural waste for bioplastic production

F. Khodaparastan, S. Ashok, E. De-Oliveira, C. Switzer, G.P. Grant, M. Zanoni, J. Bowen, T. Rashwan (GB) Exploring biomass valorisation in applied smouldering systems

A.H. Al-Muhtaseb (OM)

Novel organometallic catalyst for efficient valorization of lipids extracted from prunus domestica kernel shell in sustainable fuel production

A.P.C. Ribeiro, A.O. Figueiras, L.M.D.R.S. Martins (PT) Extraction of Chitin from Tenebrio Molitor K.O.F. Al-Twal, G. Beggio, V. Grossule, A. Sandon, M. Schiavon, M.C. Lavagnolo (IT) Characterization of feedstocks for the optimization of energy recovery from composting: A review for the TEAPOTS project

H. Jalalipour, S. Nakhaei, G. Morschek, M. Nelles (DE) Comparative analysis of biogas and compost plants for source-separated biowaste treatment

S. Stegenta-Dabrowska, J. Rosik, K. Swiechowski (PL) Optimizing dairy sewage sludge and green waste composting: laboratory-scale study

W. Chen, Y. He, L. Xie (CN) Achieving rapid stabilisation of aerobic composting by the construction of oxygen transport channels

R. Burch, D.K. Cha, M.J. Chajes (US) On-site aerobic bio-digester for resource recovery from food waste

SESSION B3 / / 26th November 2024 10:30 -11:30 BIOFUELS Chair / Presidente: To be defined

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B.A. Simmons (US) Flying the future: advances in sustainable aviation fuels at the Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI)

N. Kapur, S.P. Singh (IN) Production of hydrocarbon based liquid biofuels from biomass

H. Tang, D. Chen, Y. Feng (CN) Production of iso-alkanes in aviation fuel from catalytic pyrolysis of low-density polyethylene

L. Lombard, A. Polettini, R. Pomi, A. Rossi, T. Zonfa, M. Wilk (IT) Combining dark fermentation, hydrothermal carbonization and anaerobic digestion for producing biofuels

SESSION B4 / / 26th November 2024 11:45 -12:45 LIFECYCLE THINKING AND ASSESSMENT

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

A. Masi, G. Costa, L. Lombardi (IT)

Comparative LCA of carbonation-based treatments for valorising Alkaline residues and storing CO2 within a biorefinery process

F. Gievers, A. Loewen, M. Nelles (DE)

Energy or material use of biochar and hydrochar produced from sewage sludge? A life cycle assessment approach

H.-S. Tscherney, H. Rohn (DE)

Towards the life cycle assessment of a rural value network centered on the energetic and material utilization of biowaste

L. Lombardi, G. Arcese, G.C. Elmo, B. Mendecka, S. Sobek, K. Pikon, A. Kuzior, K. Moustakas, M. Kyriazi, M. Horttanainen, K. Grönman, M. Abdulkareem, M. Khan, A. Woszczek (IT) LIFE-C: promoting life cycle thinking in higher education

SESSION B5 / / 26th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 BIOCHAR AND RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

M. Tang, H. Li, S. Lu (CN) Molecular simulation combined with DFT calculation to guide the directional design of heteroatom-doped biochar for efficient CO2 capture

J. Chang, J.-Y. Lee (KR) Development of machine learning model for predicting the adsorption characteristics of biochar by waste wood

E. Sygula, J. Lyczko, A. Bialowiec (PL) Furfural emission from biochar derived from lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose: industrial benefits and environmental risks

SESSION B6 / / 27th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 ANAEROBIC DIGESTION: REACTOR DESIGN AND CONTROL

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

D. Krahe, J. Herfurtner, F. Brück, U. Theilen, H. Weigand, S. Annas (DE) Mixing in a model rotating drum AD reactor characterized by particle tracking and computational fluid dynamics

W. Chung, S. Chang, D. Bang, G. Lim, M. Kim, J.T. Kim, S. Yang (KR) Application of lab-scale anaerobic digestion with AI (Artificial Intelligence) model

D. Bona, L. Grandi, S. Bertolini, D. Scrinzi, S. Silvestri, M. Zorzi (IT) Monitoring seasonal efficiency of dry anaerobic digestion plant

S. Choi, S. Hwang (KR) Transformer-based anaerobic digestion time series forecasting model: inference to interpretation

M.T. Valentin, A. Bialowiec (PL)

The Proof-of-Concept: the modelling of the evolution of inoculum and substrate inside a continuous flow anaerobic reactor

SESSION B7 / / 27th November 2024 10:30 -11:30 ANAEROBIC DIGESTION: PROCESS ENHANCEMENT

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

J.W.C. Wong, L. Luo (HK)

Regulation of acidogenic fermentation through exogenous additives for promoting carbon conversion of food waste in two-phase anaerobic system

J.H. Lee, J.Y. Choi, J.H. Lee, D.Y. Kim, E. Lee, K.Y. Park (KR) Impact of sonication pretreatment on phosphorus release and adsorption from livestock manure anaerobic digestate

J. Kim, J. Y. Kim (KR) Mitigating calcium inhibition in organic sludge digestion through CO2 injection

Z. Shi, P. He, J. Guo, W. Peng, H. Zhang, F. Lü (CN)

The impact of mechanical pretreatment system on carbon reduction: A field study of an industrial-scale biogas plant in China

SESSION B8 / / 27th November 2024 11:45 -12:45 ALGAL BIOMASS FOR ENERGY APPLICATION

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

E. Pozzuoli, M. Iovinella, C. Auciello, S. Papa, M.R. di Cicco, C. Lubritto, C. Ciniglia (IT) Industry of the Algae Production in Europe - The future and possible application in a circular and ecofriendly bioeconomy

F.G. Torres, A. Urtecho (PE) Algae biomass for energy applications

H. Velten, N. Hasport, D. Reinecke, U. Theilen (DE) Biogas yield of microalgae biomass harvested from two different algae-based wastewater treatment systems

G. Lim, W. Chung, S. Chang, M. Park, S. Hong, B. Jeon, S. Choi (KR) Research on eco-friendly biofuel production technology using microalgae: Hydrothermal Liquefaction (HTL)

SESSION B9 / / 27th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 FATE AND DEGRADATION OF BIOPLASTICS IN ANAEROBIC DIGESTION

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

F. Marchelli, L. Fiori (IT) Waste bioplastics in anaerobic digestion: challenges and hydrothermal solutions

Y. Ahn, M. Lee, S. Kim, E. Choi, J. Park (KR) Bacterial and archaeal population dynamics in thermophilic hydrogenotrophic methanogenic microbial communities degrading PLA bioplastics

W. Peng, Z.Y. Su, F. Lü, H. Zhang, P.J. He (CN) Enhanced bioenergy recovery through co-digestion of biodegradable packaging materials with food waste

SESSION C1 / / 25th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 WORKSHOP: GENERATION OF ENERGY FROM MICROBIAL FUEL CELLS

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

F. Borja-Maldonado, M. Á. López Zavala (MX)

Enhancing the efficiency of medium-scale dual-chamber microbial fuel cell systems through the utilization of novel electrodes material and proper selection of catholyte and external resistance

F. Borja-Maldonado, M. Á. López Zavala (MX)

Contribution of configurations, electrode and membrane materials, electron transfer mechanisms, and cost of components on the current and future development of microbial fuel cells

SESSION C2 / / 26th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 SEWAGE SLUDGE TO ENERGY Chair / *Presidente*: To be defined

L. Ekpeni, K. Benyounis, J. Stokes (IE) Sludge effectiveness in the disruptive process of a biomass substrate for improved energy yield

B.-K. Ahn, Y.-M. Yun (KR) Impact of primary and secondary pretreatment on anaerobic digestion of waste activated sludge

E. Fersini, A. Giuliano, F. Todaro, A. Violante, C. Wieth, M. Notarnicola (IT) Evaluation of sewage sludge treatment by pilot pyrolysis plant and laboratory analysis

K. Swiechowski, K. Zasanska, J. Rosik, M. Bednik, S. Stegenta-Dabrowska (PL) Pyrolysis of dairy sewage sludge, energy and environmental aspects of biochar

SESSION C3 / / 26th November 2024 10:30 -11:30 WORKSHOP: ADVANCES IN BIOWASTE FERMENTATION

Chair / Presidente: U. Theilen, H. Weigand, F. Brück (DE)

This workshop will showcase significant advancements in the field of biowaste fermentation, using the RegBioFerm project as a starting point to explore broader applications. The focus will be on scaling innovative anaerobic digestion processes to large-scale, multi-input demonstration plants (TRL 8) and implementing highly efficient cascaded energetic and material valorization of biogenic wastes. Additionally, the session will delve into how these technologies can be integrated into rural regional value networks to foster a sustainable circular bioeconomy, thereby enhancing the efficiency of renewable energy production and reducing dependency on fossil fuels.

- Opening Remarks and Introduction by Professor Dr-Ing. Ulf Theilen
- Short Presentation 1: Practical Experiences in Biowaste Digestion by Dipl. Ing. Tobias Finsterwalder
- Short Presentation 2: Experimental Research in Biowaste Processing by Dr. Felix Brück
- Short Presentation 3: Life Cycle Assessment of Biowaste Fermentation to Ensure Sustainability by M.Sc. Hannah-Sophie Tscherney and Professor Holger Rohn
- Discussion and Q&A
- Closing Remarks by Dr. Felix Brück

SESSION C4 / / 26th November 2024 11:45 -12:45 WORKSHOP: BIOLOGICAL UPCYCLING OF PLASTICS

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

K.E. Kosiorowska, A.M. Mironczuk (PL) Biotechnological approach for poly(ethylene terephtalate) upcycling

SESSION C5 / / 26th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND CASE STUDIES

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

G.J. Gaogane, P. Sekoai, C. Trois (ZA)

Innovative bioenergy solutions for developing nations: dark fermentation and anaerobic digestion of abattoir waste

Q. Thabit, V. Ekanthalu, Z. Asiedu, S. Narra, M. Nelles (DE) Gaps and challenges of the waste management sector in Senegal

Q. Thabit, V. Ekanthalu, Z. Asiedu, S. Narra (DE) Aspects and facts of the waste management sector in Ivory Coast

J. Faitli, C. Leitol, C. Ágoston (HU) The evolution of the Hungarian MSW sampling methodology from Pierre Gy's MODECOM to sophistcated EPR and DRS based one

A.C. Gutierrez-Gomez, V.P. Garcilasso, M.M. dos Santos, J.R. Meneghini, K.L. Mascarenhas, M.S. Buckeridge, S. Coelho (BR) Perspectives for production and use of renewable hydrogen from biomass residues and waste in Brazil

SESSION C6 / / 27th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM SPECIFIC BIOMASS

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

G. Markou, D. Arapoglou, C. Eliopoulos, I. Langousi, E. Kougia, A. Liatiri (GR) Biogas production from prickly pears cladodes as a sole substrate

T. Kim, S. Kim, J. Kim, J.Y. Kim (KR)

Analysis of sieving and thermo-alkali pretreatment for enhancing methane production from cow manure

P. Basinas, K. Chamrádová, Z. Rybková, J. Rusín, K. Malachová (CZ) Investigation on the potential of a biological treatment with P. Ostreatus to convert a spent solid anaerobic digestion effluent into a new substrate with significant methane generation capacity

A. Kawamura, M. Akahori, T. Ida (JP)

Continuous production of small-sized bio-coke from adzuki bean harvest residue and its co-firing characteristics with wood pellets

SESSION C7 / / 27th November 2024 10:30 -11:30 WORKSHOP: LOW TEMPERATURE THERMAL CONVERSION

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

Y. Ryckmans (BE)

Hydrothermal carbonisation of organic waste for thermal energy generation

J.-W. Kim, C.-W. Park, J.-Si.Kim (KR)

Treatment of a waste polyvinyl chloride with a new type of 3-stage thermochemical conversion process

SESSION C8 / / 27th November 2024 11:45 -12:45 FEEDSTOCK Chair / Presidente: To be defined

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O.P. Troncoso, F.G. Torres, V. Delgado (PE)

The potential of native starch biomass to produce materials for energy applications

E. Sygula, A. Bialowiec (PL)

Application of the fractal dimension analysis of the chromatograms for profiling the volatile organic compounds release from lignocellulosic biomass

J. Darmey, S. Narra, O.-W. Achaw, J.C. Ahiekpor, B. A. N'guessan Cougouais (DE) Comparative analysis of lignocellulosic composition characteristics of organic municipal solid wastes: insights from Kumasi and global cities for biogas feedstock

L.M.D.R.S. Martins, A.P.C. Ribeiro, M.J.O. Martins, A. Figueiras, I.A.S. Matias (PT) Innovation in insect biomass valorization: towards a sustainable future

J. Qiu, F. Lü, H. Zhang, P.-J. He (CN) Molecular insights into the biological treatment process of waste leachate

SESSION C9 / / 27th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIMIZATION FOR RESOURCES RECOVERY

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

H. Zou, P. He, H. Zhang (CN)

Machine learning-aided rapid identification of municipal solid waste using optical reflectance spectra

W. Bauer, B. Lipowsky, K. Löber () Benchmarking Municipal WEEE Collection in Germany as a tool to prevent fires when collecting old appliances

K. Silvennoinen, E. Lehtonen, X. Liu, V. Lampi, S. Nisonen (FI) The food waste model for food services: focus on the Helsinki Metropolitan Area

S.R. Kong, G. Sim, Y. Park (KR)

Two-step leaching process for resource recovery: recovery copper and gold from the end-of-life LEDs with volatile fatty acids

M. Freiberger, S. Rivic, O. Cencic, A. Prskawetz, H. Rechberger, C. Scharff (AT) Understanding the limitations of recycling and utilization rate targets for circular plastics management: a general economic equilibrium model including material flow analysis

SESSION D2 / / 26th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 WORKSHOP: PRODUCTION AND RECYCLING OF WASTE FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION

Chair / Presidente: To be defined

D. Trento, F. Faleschini, V. Revilla-Cuesta, V. Ortega-López (IT) Raw-crushed wind-turbine blade as an effective addition to enhance recycled concrete properties

F. Pagnanelli, P. Altimari, P.G. Schiavi, E. Moscardini, L. Toro (IT) Recycling of photovoltaic panels: process development and technology transfer during the last ten years

A. Becci, A. Amato, M. D'Arcangelo, F. Beolchini (IT) Flexible hydrometallurgical process for metal recovery from new generation photovoltaic panels

SESSION D6 / / 27th November 2024 09:00 -10:00 WORKSHOP: FROM WASTE TO WEALTH: EXPLORING THE POWER OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Chair / Presidente: S. Bertolini, S. Silvestri (IT)

The management of biowaste and agro-industrial waste is gaining attention due to them disposal costs and environmental issues. Biorefineries are a promising solution since they combine waste utilization with the production of value-added products, including organic fertilizers.

The most crucial component for adding nutrients to the soil and promoting soil fertility and plant growth is fertilizer. Continuous and excessive use of chemical fertilizers to boost agricultural yields causes soil damage in terms of nutrient loss, groundwater and surface water contamination, soil acidity or basicity and microbial population decline. On the other hand, organic fertilizer improves soil fertility, physical and chemical characteristics, water retention capacity, soil pH and soil enzyme activity. In a circular economy framework, the use of organic fractions of municipal waste, agri-based feedstock and byproducts from agro-industrial activities has drawn much attention in terms of environmental sustainability and technological innovation. Such feedstocks can be converted into a spectrum of valuable products like biofuels, biofertilizers and biomolecules for green chemistry using a variety of technologies, including consolidated process like composting and anaerobic digestion and other more innovative like hydrothermal carbonization. The economic and ecological effects of these techniques have been largely documented in the literature and can contribute to many integrated pathways, such as energy production, greenhouse gas emission reduction and byproducts valorization.

Given the background, the main task of the workshop will be to discuss and analyze the opportunities and the limits related to biomass valorization in terms of energy, organic substances, nutrients and other molecules recovery minimizing environmental impact.

Agenda:

- *Sara Bertolini Fondazione Edmund Mach (IT)* SMS-Green" project: from apple pomace to soil amendments
- Luca Fiori University of Trento (IT)

Agro-industrial waste and circular economy: R&D projects based on hydrothermal, biochemical and extraction processes by the Green Processes Engineering group at the University of Trento

• *Tania Sinicco - CREA, Viticulture and Enology Research Centre (IT)* RUSTICA project: converting fruit and vegetable residues into novel bio-based fertilisers

SESSION D9 / / 27th November 2024 15:00 -16:00 WORKSHOP: KNOWLEDGE GAPS ON PFAS THERMAL DEGRADATION

Chair / Presidente: T. Rashwan (UK)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been central compounds used in a range of modern materials – everything from fire-fighting foams to cosmetics. Altogether, there are thousands of synthetic compounds within the PFAS classification. It is now widely understood that PFAS contamination poses severe environmental risks. Due to PFAS' toxic and persistent properties, small concentrations can bioaccumulate in the food chain, affecting human and environmental health. Activated carbon or ion exchange resin have been used to remove PFAS from drinking water. Anesthetic gases such as isoflurane, desflurane, and sevoflurane have been widely used in medical applications; these gases are trapped in activated carbon after use for disposal. Other PFAS-contaminated materials (e.g., municipal solid wastes, sewage sludge, and hazardous wastes) necessitate active treatment.

Thermal treatment methods have shown strong promise in breaking PFAS down at high-temperature conditions (e.g., above 850°C). However, there many research gaps regarding the fate of PFAS in these thermal systems, which are critical to solve now because even small concentrations of PFAS – e.g., from incomplete destruction – can pose long-lasting and challenging environmental risks for future generations.

This workshop will focus on the research needs in addressing PFAS fate in thermal waste systems, including:

- Characterizing products of incomplete combustion from PFAS thermal treatment in gaseous systems
- Challenges associated with closing the fluorine balance
- The role of temperatures, residence times, mixing, and water vapor in full PFAS destruction to HF
- The role of fluorine mineralization (e.g., to CaF2)
- Need for comparisons between lab- and full-scale results

POSTER SESSION

S. Li, A. Ding, Z. Bian, Y. Xuan (CN)

Design and application of Vanadium-based composite catalysts in biogas cracking for hydrogen production in new energy conversion

S. Lee, W. Cho, H. Park, M. Seo, J.-Y. Lee (KR)

The evaluation of the bio-drying through mixing of sewage sludge and herbal medicine by-products

A.B. López, C.J. Cobo-Ceacero, M.T. Cotes-Palomino, A. Dubbelman-Vizcaíno, F.J. Iglesias-Godino, C. Martínez-García, A.C. Revelo-Rodríguez, F.J. Troyano-Pérez, F. Torres-Fernández (ES) Cost analysis of firing process variables for life cycle costing of sustainable ceramic materials made from waste

F. Torres-Fernández, C. J. Cobo-Ceacero, M.T. Cotes-Palomino, A. Dubbelman-Vizcaíno, F. J. Iglesias-Godino, C. Martínez-García, A. C. Revelo-Rodríguez, F. J. Troyano-Pérez, A. B. López (ES) Preliminary development of circularity indicators in the Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) sector

I.S. Cho, S. Mishra, S. Lim (KR)

Identifying the sources of black carbon in PM2.5 using a tricolor absorption photometer at an urban site in Daejeon during 2024

L.F. Pereira Marcilio, A.M. Sampaio Pereira, N.R. Marcilio, A.C. de Azevedo (BR) Produced water on offshore oil platforms in Brazil: characterization, monitoring and environmental impact

C. Lee, Y.-C. Jang (KR) Consumption and carbon footprints of single-use plastic cups in South Korea

D. Bang, J. Shim, B. Jeon, S. Chang, W. Chung (KR)

Metataxonomic characterization and analysis of temperature effects on organic waste biomass composting processes

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