

## General Assembly 2011

EBA's second General Assembly took place in Nuremberg on 11th January 2011. Arthur Wellinger, President, chaired the meeting and introduced a number of issues for the discussion: annual report 2010, budgetary matters and the core activities of the Association in the future. The main outcomes of the meeting are the following:

- Due to the retirement of Jean-Claude Verchin a new board member had to be elected. *Ms. Caroline Marchais, Club Biogaz/ATEE, France* was unanimously elected as new board member
- The assembly agreed to create a *Company Advisory Council (CAC)*
- EBA changed its registered seat to *Rue d'Arlon 63-65, Renewable Energy House, Brussels*

The minutes of the meeting will be distributed to the members.

## The Company Advisory Council (CAC)

EBA launched the Company Advisory Council in Nuremberg on 12th January 2011. Over 20 internationally active companies attended the meeting. Rudolf Wessels, DSM, The Netherlands, was chairing the discussion on the common goals, synergies and possible structure of such a Council. The participants agreed that it was helpful to create a council supporting the work of EBA in Brussels in favour of biogas deployment. Also information on legislation, market development and activities in the member countries is of high interest to the companies. The next meeting will take place in UK, Birmingham, alongside AD&Biogas event 'AD&Biogas 2011' on 6-7 July.

The press release is available on our website:

[http://www.europeanbiogas.eu/eba/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=21](http://www.europeanbiogas.eu/eba/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=21)

## EBA Website

From now on all EBA members can find our newsletters on the website in the section 'News and Newsletters'. Member area contains the presentations of the Board Members made at the Trade Fair in Nuremberg. Check for new information!

## New Members

EBA welcomes the following new members!

- Hellenic Biogas Association (Greece) became a full member
- Schmack Biogas GmbH (Germany) became an associated member

<http://www.schmack-biogas.com/>

## BiogasIN Project

The 2<sup>nd</sup> high Level Conference of BiogasIN project will be held on 13th April 2011. For more information on the conference check the website: <http://www.biogasin.org/>

## European Biogas news

- **National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs)** – With a delay of six months all 27 NREAPs have been submitted to the Commission. According to Fanny-Pomme Langue (DG Energy) most of the NREAPS fulfill the requirements of the Commission.  
More information:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency\\_platform/action\\_plan\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency_platform/action_plan_en.htm)
- **EU on track to meet 2020 renewables targets** - 20.7% of energy consumption and 34% of electricity demand will be met by energy sources such as wind, hydro, solar and biomass power by 2020. More information:  
<http://www.euractiv.com/en/climate-environment/eu-track-meet-2020-renewables-targets-news-500975>
- **Future Transport Fuels** - Alternative fuels have the potential to gradually replace fossil energy sources and make transport sustainable by 2050, according to a report presented to the European Commission on 25 January 2011 by the stakeholder expert group on future transport fuels. The expert group has for the first time developed a comprehensive approach covering the whole transport sector. Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for transport, said: 'If we are to achieve a truly sustainable transport, then we will have to consider alternative fuels. For this we need to take into account the needs of all transport modes.' Click here to download the report:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/vehicles/directive/doc/2011\\_01\\_25\\_future\\_transport\\_fuels\\_report.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/vehicles/directive/doc/2011_01_25_future_transport_fuels_report.pdf)

The Commission is currently revising existing policies and the report will feed into the 'initiative on clean transport systems', to be launched later this year. EBA had the chance to substantially add information on Biomethane to the report. Thanks to numerous interventions, the importance of Biomethane as transport fuel was fully acknowledged by the Commission. In particular following points have been taken up:

- ✓ Biomethane (in combination with natural gas) is fully integrated in urban public and in individual transport today
- ✓ Biomethane can be mixed at any ratio with natural gas making it easy to move smoothly from fossil fuels to renewable sources
- ✓ The potential of Biomethane is substantial and can cover in near term up to 8% of transport fuel
- ✓ Thanks to liquefaction Biomethane in form of LBG can be used on long distance heavy duty road transport and in ships and allows fuelling stations in remote areas without gas grid

More information:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/61&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en>

- **Commission adopts Report on indirect land use change** – According to the Renewable energy Directive (2009/28/EC) the Commission was expected to publish a report on the effect of indirect land use change (iLUC) in biofuel production by the end of 2010. On December 23 the Commission took the very wise decision to postpone the publication of any firm emission figures because there are simply not enough data available to allow a final conclusion. More information:  
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1772&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- **The Dutch Government believes in Biomethane** - The new Dutch right-wing government has announced a radical overhaul of Dutch energy policy - it is cutting subsidies for most forms of renewable energy drastically, and is even putting an end to all subsidies for offshore wind, solar power and large scale biomass. But they will continue to support Biomethane. More information:  
<http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/index.php?id=2656>
- **19th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition, International Congress Center Berlin, Germany**  
Conference 6-10 June 2011  
Exhibition 6-9 June 2011  
More information: <http://www.conference-biomass.com/>

## Publications

- EurObserv'ER has released three new biomass-related barometers, with energy information on all 27 European Member States:  
*Barometer on Biogas*  
<http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro200b.asp>  
*Renewable Municipal Waste Barometer*  
<http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro200a.asp>
- DENA (German Energy Agency) published a study 'The role of natural gas and biomethane in the fuel mix of the future in Germany: Required action and potential solutions to accelerate adoption in transport applications'. Free download at:  
<http://www.dena.de/de/themen/thema-mobil/publikationen/publikation/erdgas-und-biomethan/>