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## News from EBA

### Introduction of new personnel at EBA/Replacement of Sebastian Stolpp

Sebastian Stolpp will be out of office as of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 until 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011. During this period, Rita Ramanauskaite will take over Sebastian's part for EBA and Konrad Berger the part for the German Biogas Association. Rita and Konrad will work together whenever needful and are looking forward to meeting you.



#### **Rita Ramanauskaite**

Before joining EBA early in September, Rita was working at Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU, Political and Security department, in Brussels. Her main tasks were to attend group meetings at EU institutions (mainly at the European Council), write reports, organise events and assist members of the department. At the same time she was doing a traineeship at European Parliament. She has also completed a traineeship at the European Commission at the Internal Audit department. Rita has a Master degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Law.

Spoken languages: fluent in English and German, beginner in French, comprehensive Russian, Lithuanian native speaker.

At EBA, Rita is working as Assistant to the Secretary General. Contact details: [ramanauskaite@european-biogas.eu](mailto:ramanauskaite@european-biogas.eu), +4981619846810



#### **Konrad Berger**

Konrad is currently studying Industrial Engineering at the University of Mannheim and writing his master thesis on *Calculation of changeover costs for biogas plants to meet peak load demand* at the German Biogas Association. Before this, he made his diploma in Business Administration, worked as a language teacher at University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic and completed an apprenticeship as Sales Assistant.

Spoken languages: fluent in English, good Czech and German native speaker.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 he will replace Sebastian at the German Biogas Association and act there as Deputy Head of International Affairs. Contact details: [konrad.berger@biogas.org](mailto:konrad.berger@biogas.org), +4981619846803

### **Save the date: EBA General Assembly in Nuremberg, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

The **next General Assembly** will take place within the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Biogas Association in Nuremberg, Germany, on **11th January 2011** at 18:00-20:00. EBA members will receive the invitation to the General Assembly in due time.

The German Biogas Association offers to all EBA members a reduced participation fee for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Biogas Association with Trade Fair and free admission to the Export workshop which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January as well (14:00-17:00).

More information on the event: [click here](#)

### **Creation of an industry advisory council at EBA**

According to Art. 8 (2) of the EBA statutes, committee for advisory purposes can be created if it is deemed necessary. Rudolf Wessels from DSM Biogas presented to the Board his draft for the setup of an industry advisory council. Upon suggestion of Rudolf Wessels the board discussed the possibilities of organising a meeting for all company members of EBA and all companies that could be interested in joining EBA in order to discuss such an industry advisory council and attract more company members for EBA. EBA will inform its members as soon as details for the meeting are available.

### **Update on EBA membership**

EBA is growing continuously: Today, the total membership consists of 20 full members and 8 associated members. A detailed overview on the membership is available at the EBA website: [click here](#)

### **EBA rented office in the Renewable Energy House in Brussels**

EBA has rented an office in the [Renewable Energy House \(REH\)](#) in Brussels' EU-quarter. EBA's plan is to install one person in the REH in spring next year. Until then, EBA has sublet the office to NGVA (Natural Gas Vehicle Association) since both associations are working together closely on EU's transport policy.

### **EBA joined AEBIOM**

EBA became member of the [European Biomass Association \(AEBIOM\)](#) to strengthen the voice of biogas within AEBIOM and towards EU-institutions. EBA's President, Arthur Wellinger, is now board member of AEBIOM and chairs AEBIOM's biogas working group which will focus on general policy concerning biomass and biogas.

### **Collaboration with EurObserv'ER**

EBA will join [Euroobserver](#)'s working group. Euroobserver is publishing the *barometers* which measure the progress made by renewable energies in each sector and in each member State of the European Union. It is therefore an important source for information also for the biogas sector.

### **Participation in EU-project BiogasIN – website launched**

The EU-project BiogasIN started in May 2010. BiogasIN aims to create a sustainable biogas market in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The breakthrough will be achieved by targeting the strongest framework barrier in CEE: high administrative barriers both in permitting and financing phases. This bottleneck was emphasised in many former European projects, but never addressed in such depth as planned in BiogasIN. BiogasIN builds capacity among the public sector (national, regional and local governments and administrations responsible for permitting process of agricultural biogas plants), financing providers as well as farmers/biogas investors.

EBA is partner of the BiogasIN project. The website was launched recently: [click here](#)

## Participation in EU-project proposal GreenGasGrids

EBA is partner of a new EU-project proposal named *GreenGasGrids* under the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme. The project focuses on the promotion of grid injection for biogas and its use as transport fuel – including streamlining procedures for grid connection and quality monitoring. The status of the project is still pending, the EU Commission will decide on it in October.

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## Policy update

### National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs)

The 30th of June 2010 was the deadline for each of the 27 EU Member States to hand in their National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs) to the European Commission under the Renewable Energy Directive. Until today, 19 NREAPs have been delivered ([click here](#) for overview). The NREAPs will give an overview of the development of the renewable energy sector until 2020 as well as detailed information on measures to reach the targets. EBA is evaluating the NREAPs in terms of biogas. Please send your comments on your NREAP as soon as possible to [stolpp@european-biogas.eu](mailto:stolpp@european-biogas.eu) in case you have not done so yet.

### White Paper on Common Transport Policy 2010–2020

The EU Commission (DG Move) is currently preparing a White Paper on Common Transport Policy 2010–2020. EBA will give input on biomethane production potential in EU27 by 2020 and inform you on further developments.

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## Upcoming events of EBA members

### 10th International Conference "Construction and Operation of Biogas Stations"

Třeboň, Czech Republic, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2010,

The main topics of the conference will be:

- Sharing of experience of operators of basic types of BGS in the CR
- Quality and safety of BGS-operation
- Local distribution biogas network
- Production and distribution of bio-methane
- Economy of production and market with biogas stations products
- Further innovative directions in biogas usage
- Digestate and its utilization, exploitation of by-products

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual IBBK/GERBIO convention and biogas expo&congress

Offenburg, Germany 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The biogas expo convinced by having a clear focus on the German, French and Swiss biogas market.

At this congress, technological developments, conditions and prospects will be discussed. It provides a comprehensive overview of the possibilities of biogas utilisation in connection with an accompanying exhibition.

#### Kongress biogas 10

St. Pölten, Austria, 30<sup>th</sup> November-1<sup>st</sup> December 2010

Latest developments of the biogas sector will be discussed by national and international experts in workshops and by presentations. More than 500 visitors are expected.

A complete overview on upcoming events related to biogas is available at the EBA website:

[click here](#)

## **Event participation of EBA**

### **Joint booth at IFAT Entsorga 2010, Munich, Germany, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

EBA is co-exhibitor of the German Biogas Association at [IFAT Entsorga 2010](#) and will be present during the whole week by board members and EBA secretariat.

IFAT is the world's most important trade fair in the fields of water, sewage, waste and raw materials management.

### Conference participation

Jan Stambasky (EBA Board Member) will give a presentation at:

- [Biogaz Europe](#), Lyon, France, 29 – 30 September

Arthur Wellinger (EBA President) will give presentations at:

- [19<sup>th</sup> Annual IBBK/GERBIO convention and biogas expo&congress](#), Offenburg, Germany 20 – 21 October 2010
- [Central European Biomass Conference 2011](#), Graz, Austria, 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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## Publications

### Roadmap 2050 (European Climate Foundation)

The mission of Roadmap 2050 is to provide a practical, independent and objective analysis of pathways to achieve a low-carbon economy in Europe, in line with the energy security, environmental and economic goals of the European Union. The Roadmap 2050 project is an initiative of the European Climate Foundation (ECF) and has been developed by a consortium of experts funded by the ECF. Download: [Click here](#)

### RE-thinking 2050 (EREC – European Renewable Energy Council)

The EREC report RE-thinking 2050 sets out an ambitious vision for a 100% renewable energy system for the European Union. The report provides a comprehensive estimate of the economic, environmental, and social benefits associated with such a move. It also particularly focuses on the policy recommendations considered necessary to tackle the non-technical barriers to achieving such a vision, tackling all three of the important sectors – electricity, heating and cooling and transport. While the vision may probably be more ambitious than the level likely to be achieved in practice, we very much welcome this

important work that thoroughly explores the issues associated with a major expansion in the contribution from renewable energy.

Download: [click here](#)

### **RE-SHAPING RES policy**

The core objective of the RE-SHAPING project is to assist Member State (MS) governments in preparing for the implementation of the RES Directive and to shape a European policy for RES in the medium to long term. The past and present success of renewable energy policies will be evaluated and recommendations derived on how to improve future RES support schemes.

Download: [click here](#)