

Biorefinery I: Chemicals and Materials from Thermo-Chemical Biomass Conversion and Related Processes

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Sunday, September 27, 2015

17:00 – 18:30 Conference check-in (Rosa Conference Room Foyer)

18:30 – 19:00 Welcome Drink (Rosa Conference Room Foyer)

19:00 – 20:30 Dinner

NOTES

- Technical sessions and poster sessions will be held in the Rosa Conference Room.
- Posters can be hung on the walls of the meeting room.
- All meals, except the banquet, will be in the Artemis Restaurant. The location of the conference banquet on Thursday will be announced on site.
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Monday, September 28, 2015

07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast

08:30 - 08:45 Welcome and Conference Overview
Conference Chairs, ECI Liaison

Session 1: Light oxygenates, phenols and aromatics

08:45 - 09:15 **Plenary:** Feedstocks Matter
Ralph P. Overend, Nextfuels LLC

09:15 - 09:30 Pure aromatics from biomass
Matti Reinikainen, VTT, Finland

09:30 - 09:45 Biomass into chemicals: Green chemical conversion of carbohydrates (fructose, sucrose and glucose) into 5-hydroxymethylfurfural in pyridinium dicationic ionic liquid
Hern Kim, Myongji University, South Korea

09:45 - 10:00 Monomeric phenols from lignin - formic acid assisted hydrous liquefaction
Mike Kleinert, University of Bergen, Norway

10:00 - 10:15 Structure characterization of bio-oil and solid fractions from near-critical water depolymerization of LignoBoost® Kraft lignin
Cecilia Mattsson, Chalmers University of Technology/Forest Products and Chemical Engineering, Sweden

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break/Networking

10:45 - 11:00 BIORECOVER: Biomass residues conversion and valorization for an economic refinery
Paul De Wild, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), The Netherlands

11:00 - 11:15 Platform chemicals from biorefinery waste streams
Hero Jan Heeres, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

11:15 - 11:30 Fluidized bed pyrolysis of lignocellulosic biomass: A modeling approach
Ernst-Ulrich Hartge, Hamburg University of Technology, Germany

11:30 - 11:45 Catalytic pyrolysis of forestry and agricultural residual biomass for production of renewable chemicals
Angelos Lappas, CPERI/CERTH, Greece

11:45 - 12:00 Olive mill wastewater biorefinery: treatment in a rhizodegradation pilot
Margarita Petoussi, Technical University of Crete, Greece

12:00 - 12:15 Biodiesel from vegetable oils: Effects of feedstock composition and reaction conditions
Ajay Dalai, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

12:15 - 12:30 Two-stage thermochemical conversion of lignin into aromatic chemicals
Paul De Wild, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), The Netherlands

12:30 - 12:45 Stirred and unstirred lignin solvolysis with formic acid in aqueous or ethanolic solvents by using 5-L reactor
Mike Kleinert, University of Bergen, Norway

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 18:00 Free time/*ad hoc* sessions

Monday, September 28, 2015 (continued)

Sessions 2 and 3: Adhesives and lubricants / Feed / Food and Additives

- 18:00 – 18:15 Fungal bio-refinery of citrus wastes for pectin, chitosan, oil, and protein production
Behzad Satari, Högskolan i Borås, Sweden
- 18:15 - 18:30 Autothermal fast pyrolysis of wood residues for wood adhesives
Dongbing Li, ICFAR, Western University, Canada
- 18:30 - 18:45 Gasification of fructose in supercritical water for production of hydrogen enriched syngas
Ajay K. Dalai, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- 18:45 - 19:00 Induction heating fluidized bed reactor (IHFBR) and its applications for combustion and gasification
of biomass based feedstocks
Jamal Chaouki, Ecole Polytechnique of Montreal, Canada
- 19:00 – 19:15 Characterization and upgrading of bio-oil distillation residues into coproducts
Yaseen Elkasabi, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA
- 19:15 - 20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 - 21:30 Poster Session and Social Hour

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast

Session 4: Specialties, pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals and fibrous products

- 08:30 - 09:00 **Plenary:** Advanced lipid-based chemicals: renewables in the shadow of the Canadian oil sands
David Bressler, University of Alberta, Canada
- 09:00 - 09:15 Extractive bioconversion of gamma-cyclodextrin by cyclodextrin glycosyltransferase in alcohol/salt aqueous two-phase system
Tau Chuan Ling, University of Malaya, Malaysia
- 09:15 - 09:30 Organosolv pretreatment as a major step of lignocellulosic biomass refining
Dimitrios Sidiras, University of Piraeus, Greece
- 09:30 - 09:45 Dehydration of glycerol to acrolein in fluidized bed reactor
Marjan Dalil, Ecole Polytechnique of Montreal, Canada
- 09:45 - 10:00 Production of crude bio-oil and stabilizer for photosensitive materials via hydrothermal liquefaction of spent coffee grounds
Quan (Sophia) He, Dalhousie University, Canada
- 10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break / Networking
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Plenary:** A review of microwave pyrolysis of biomass and waste for energy and fuels
Jamal Chaouki, Polytechnique Montreal, Canada
- 11:00 - 11:15 Selective hydrogenolysis of glycerol to 1, 3-propanediol in a fluidized bed
Marjan Dalil, Ecole Polytechnique of Montreal, Canada
- 11:15 - 11:30 Upgraded production of a hydroxylactone anhydro-sugar by cellulose pyrolysis and its application in the synthesis of biologically active compounds
Daniele Fabbri, University of Bologna, Italy
- 11:30 - 11:45 Advanced fuels and coproducts from tail-gas reactive pyrolysis (TGRP) bio-oil
Yaseen Elkasabi, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, USA
- 11:45 - 12:00 Study of the presence of added-value chemical compounds in sewage sludge pyrolysis liquids: Extraction, identification and quantification
Isabel Fonts, Thermochemical Processes Group - Universidad Zaragoza, Spain
- 12:00 - 12:15 Upgrade of flash pyrolysis condensate by esterification with higher alcohols
Tim Schulzke, Fraunhofer Institute for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology UMSICHT, Germany
- 12:15 - 12:30 Sugar production via pyrolysis
Roel J. M. Westerhof, University of Twente, the Netherlands
- 12:30 - 12:45 Upgrading of solid fast pyrolysis byproducts for material use with high value
Axel Funke, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
- 12:45 - 13:00 Kinetic characteristics of pyrolysis of high density polyethylene (HDPE) waste at different bed thickness in a fixed bed reactor
Raffaella Ocone, Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom
- 13:00 - 14:15 Lunch
- 14:15 - 17:45 Free time/*ad hoc* sessions

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 (continued)

Session 5: Synthetic fuels, charcoal (derivatives) and other commodity chemicals

- 17:45 – 18:00 Advanced carbonized biomass materials for biosensor applications
Mauro Giorcell, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- 18:00 - 18:15 Biomass fast pyrolysis: Influence of biomass nature on products yield
Francis Billaud, CNRS UPR 3349, France
- 18:15 - 18:30 Hydrogen production from intermediate pyrolysis biochars for use in solid oxide fuel cells
Anwar Sattar, Fraunhofer Institute UMSICHT, United Kingdom
- 18:30 - 18:45 Generation of hydrogen, methane and recovery of phosphorus from biomass
Nikolaos Boukis, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
- 18:45 - 19:00 Bio-hydrocarbons through catalytic pyrolysis of used cooking oils: Towards sustainable jet and road fuels
Andrea Maria Rizzo, RE-CORD, Italy
- 19:00 - 19:15 Lignocellulosic butanol production from corn-cobs, switchgrass and phragmites
Kai Gao, Western University, Canada
- 19:15 - 20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 - 21:30 Poster Session and Social Hour

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast

Session 5 (continued): Synthetic fuels, charcoal (derivatives) and other commodity chemicals

- 08:30 - 09:00 **Plenary:** Separation technology: Making a difference in biorefineries
Anton A. Kiss, Akzo Nobel Research, Development & Innovation, Process technology SRG, The Netherlands
- 09:00 - 09:15 Production of activated carbons from pyrolytic biochar
Franco Berruti, Western University, Canada
- 09:15 - 09:30 Manipulating the production of solvents versus 1,3-propanediol in *C. pasteurianum* fermentation using redox balance and pH strategies
Erin Johnson, Western University, Canada
- 09:30 - 09:45 On-line analysis of catalytic biomass products using a high pressure tandem micro-reactor GC/MS
Michael Soll, Frontier Laboratories Europe, Germany
- 09:45 - 10:00 Evolution of palm oil mills into bio-refineries: Technical and environmental assessment of six bio-refinery options
Jesus A. Garcia, Cenipalma, Columbia
- 10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break and Networking
- 10:30 - 10:45 Biochar from TCR-process - an option for digestate utilization and nutrient management
Fabian Stenzel, Fraunhofer UMSICHT, Germany
- 10:45 - 11:00 Biodiesel synthesis from domestic used coking oil in Southern Europe. Evaluation of the fuel quality
Theocharis Tsoutsos, Technical University of Crete, Greece
- 11:00 - 11:15 Modeling of pollutant adsorption on novel modified biomass as a means of seawater decontamination
Dimitrios Sidiras, University of Piraeus, Greece
- 11:15 - 11:30 Production of biodiesel by the esterification of oleic acid while using Amberlyst 15 as catalyst
Aleksander Hykkerud, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
- 11:30 - 12:30 Poster Session
- 12:30 Pick up boxed lunch
- 12:45 - 19:30 Depart for Excursion to Agia Sofia and Elafonissi

Schedule

- 12.45 Board buses
- 13.25 First stop Cave of Aghia Sofia
- 14.00 Departure from the Cave of Aghia Sofia for Elafonissi
- 15.00 Arrival at Elafonissi
- 17.20 Departure from Elafonissi
- 18.20 Photo stop at the canteen after the tunnel
- 19.30 Arrive back at the hotel

19:45 - 21:15 Dinner

Thursday, October 1, 2015

07:30 - 09:00 Breakfast

Session 5 (continued): Synthetic fuels, charcoal (derivatives) and other commodity chemicals

- 09:00 - 09:30 **Plenary:** Intermediate pyrolysis as an alternative to fast pyrolysis
Andreas Hornung, Aston University (EBRI and Fraunhofer), United Kingdom
- 09:30 - 09:45 Carbon surface engineering for control of emission of various global atmospheric pollutants
Ajay Dalai, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- 09:45 – 10:00 Biorefinery for greenhouse tomato plant residues
Mohammad M. Hossain, ICFAR-Western University, Canada
- 10:00 - 10:15 A review on plasma technologies applied to thermo-chemical biomass conversion
François Gitzhofer, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada
- 10:15 - 10:30 A new two-dimensional pyrolysis process for concentrating and separating high-value liquid products from plant biomass
Mohammad M. Hossain, ICFAR-Western University, Canada
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break/Networking

Session 6: Plastics and Synthetic Fuels

- 11:00 - 11:15 Fractionation of flash pyrolysis condensates by staged condensation
Tim Schulzke, Fraunhofer Institute for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology UMSICHT, Germany
- 11:15 - 11:30 A flexible three-stage thermochemical conversion process
Vander Tumiatti, Sea Marconi Technologies, Italy
- 11:30 - 11:45 Synthetic fuels from 3- ϕ Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis using bio-derived gas feed and novel nanometric catalysts
Nicolas Abatzoglou, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada
- 11:45 - 12:00 Process concepts for conversion of sugar cane residue to value added products
Stavros Michailos, University of Manchester, United Kingdom
- 12:00 – 12:15 Electrical characterization of different carbon based polymer composites
Mauro Giorcelli, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- 12:15 – 12:30 Castor bean cake upgrading via thermal and catalytic pyrolysis
Kostas Kalogiannis, CPERI/CERTH, Greece
- 12:30 - 13:45 Lunch
- 13:45 - 18:30 Free Time / *ad hoc* sessions
- 18:30 - 19:30 Poster Session and Social Hour
- 19:45 - 21:45 Conference Banquet

Friday, October 2, 2015

07:30 - 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 – 10:00 Roundtable Discussion

Topics:

Introduction: Discussion of existing examples of biorefineries in different countries

-Is it possible to build and operate in a sustainable way biorefineries or only industrial units dedicated to one or a limited number of bioproducts? Justify the 'YES' or propose 'Schemes' for the 'NO'

-List and rank the most promising chemicals (commodity, platform and specialty) that can be derived from biomass, the biomass sources (type, logistics and availability) and the best production routes.

10:00 – 10:30 Discussion, feedback, what is next, concluding remarks and closing of conference

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

12:00 Lunch and departures

Poster Presentations

1. **Fast pyrolysis of differently-treated birch (*Betula pendula*) sawdust by Py-GC/MSD**
Maryam Ghalibaf, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
2. **Bio-char for carbon fibers production**
Mauro Giorcelli, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
3. **Optical investigation of reaction rates for Hydrothermal Carbonization (HTC) of dry organic matter**
Andreas Frohner, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
4. **Development of the continuous process of solvolytical conversion of lignin to bio-oil – Lignosolv**
Camilla Løhre, University of Bergen, Norway
5. **Effect of castor bean biochar on plant germination and growth response**
Zoe Hilioti, INEB/CERTH, Greece
6. **Influence of temperature and residence time in the quality of the charcoal obtained from biomass waste pyrolysis in a continuous screw reactor**
Jon Solar, UPV/EHU, Spain
7. **SPME-GC-MS determination of mobile compounds in biochar**
Michele Ghidotti, University of Bologna, Italy
8. **Biomass upgrading and catalyst characterization using a Tandem Catalytic Reactor - GC/MS System**
Michael Soll, Frontier Laboratories Europe, Germany
9. **Castor bean cake upgrading via thermal and catalytic pyrolysis**
Kostas Kalogiannis, CPERI/CERTH, Greece
10. **Economic model of a novel process for the fractionation of dried distillers grain with solubles**
Roman Zakrzewski, University College London, United Kingdom
11. **Water content determination of olive kernels from Chalkidiki and Kalamata olives**
Aleksander Hykkerud, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
12. **CO₂ capture on bio-based activated carbons**
Ajay Dalai, University of Saskatchewan, Canada