

INVITATION TO THE BBIA BIOECONOMY WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, 10AM - 2PM CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, NEC BIRMINGHAM

The workshop is organised by BBIA to bring together those working in the bioeconomy sector in the UK: companies, research institutes, associations as well as consultants and aspiring start-ups. The intention is to understand the various scenarios evolving in the UK – political, financial, industrial, commercial- and how the Association can best represent the interests of operators within these.

Speakers from the UK and abroad are invited to briefly illustrate their experiences and to indicate which policies could be game-changers for their sectors in the UK.

Our mission is to unite those working in the biodegradable and bio-based industries and to develop partnerships with those who share our vision: to put the bioeconomy agenda at the centre of the political debate on sustainability and economic growth in the UK.

We hope the debate during the Workshop will help us better identify how to achieve this through collaborative relationships across various sectors and you are invited to bring your experience and knowledge and to take part actively in the discussions.

Programme

10.00 Welcome and introduction, Andy Sweetman, BBIA Chairman

10.15 The new policy landscape post May 7th, Iris Anderson BBIA Ambassador for the Bioeconomy

10.35 A short review of the industry in the UK- John Williams, Technical Director BBIA and S'Investec Ltd

11.00-12.15 Experiences and policy asks from UK and non-UK operators

Invited to speak are:

Iain Ferguson, Co-operative Group; Steve Pritchard, Fuchs Oils UK; Philip Charlton-Smith, Ecospray Ltd., Eilidh Brunton, Vegware Ltd., Jens Hamprecht, BASF Germany; Peter Brunk, Biotec-Sphere Group France; Maria Giovanna Vetere, Natureworks USA.

12.15- 1.15pm Discussion, questions, BBIA priorities, future activities and conclusions

1.15pm-2pm Buffet lunch and networking

Participation is free of charge. To accommodate you comfortably, RSVP to admin@bbia.org.uk within 18th September 2015 indicating your name and affiliation.