WOODCHEM 2011: First announcement and call for papers

The WOODCHEM® 2011 Congress is an international scientific conference which provides an excellent opportunity for discussion and exchange of knowledge between scientists, engineers, industrials and other specialists having an interest in topics related to Chemical and Biochemical valorization of wood and the corresponding biomass.

WOODCHEM® 2011 will take place in Strasbourg, France on December 1st and 2nd, 2011. The congress is organized by both the University of Strasbourg and the French Fibers Innovative Cluster.

WOODCHEM® 2011 will cover a wide range of topics related to wood valorization and wood-based products and will provide an opportunity for scientists, engineers, technology developers, practitioners, policy makers and government officials to showcase leading-edge technology for future sustainable large scaled wood-based industries. Our organization and technical committees are dedicated to the organization of a rewarding congress for all participants.

It is our pleasure to invite authors to contribute with oral communications and posters related to the topics covered by the congress and to participate in WOODCHEM 2011.

Professor Luc Averous
Chairman of WOODCHEM® 2011
University of Strasbourg

Strasbourg, France

Topics of the congress

The Woodchem® 2011 conference will focus on the biochemical and chemical valorization of wood and its byproducts. Examples of subjects for each topic are given below.

We expect technical science contributions on the following topics:

- Clean extraction process
- Biorefinery towards green materials and processes
- Market applications:
  - Transport (Automotive, Aeronautics, Train, Nautics)
  - Healthcare (Healthcare, Biomedical, Hygiene)
  - Building and Housing,
  - Chemical industries (Building blocks)

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Preliminary Program

December, 1st 2011

Session 1 – Wood biomass and biorefinery

Session 2 – Biochemical modification processes for the biomass

Session 3 - Chemical modification processes for the biomass

December, 2nd 2011

The 2nd day is dedicated to market applications

4 sessions :

✓ Building and housing
✓ Healthcare and Hygiene
✓ Transportation / automotive
✓ Chemical industries (Building blocks)

Call for papers

We invite authors to contribute with original papers related to the topics covered by Woodchem® 2011 for presentation at the congress. The submitted abstracts and full papers will be subject to peer review.

Papers accepted for oral presentation will be given 20 minutes presentation time.

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted to the following address : pascale.bridou@wanadoo.fr

Authors should carefully read the instructions below before submitting an abstract :

Authors are invited to submit an abstract on topics within the scope of the congress. When submitting the abstract the following guidelines must be followed:

- The abstract should be 400-500 words length
- The abstract must not exceed one page
- The abstract should clearly indicate the purpose of the work, approach and methodology, limitations and significant results. Concise conclusions or recommendations should be included.
- The abstract should not contain figures, tables, equations or references.
- The abstract must be in editable format, preferably Microsoft Word (Calibri, size 11).
- When submitting, the topic reference under which the abstract is being submitted must be indicated

Only contributions complying with the above specifications will be considered for review.

The deadline for the abstract is July 15th, 2011 Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated to the contact author no later than September 30, 2011.

Additional information will be given in the website (in construction).
**FULL PAPER**

Once the abstract is accepted the selected authors will be required to submit a full paper. All submitted papers will be peer reviewed.

The paper must comply with the following guidelines:

- The paper should be 6-8 pages
- The maximum length of eight pages includes references, figures and tables. Additional pages will be truncated.
- All papers should include Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations.
- The paper must be in editable format, preferably Microsoft Word. (calibri 11)

Please make sure to have the English grammar and spelling checked before submitting the paper.

Final acceptance of the full paper will be subject to confirmation of registration payment by the author presenting the paper at the congress. Only papers with confirmed author registration will be published in the conference proceedings.

The deadline for the full paper will be published on the website.

**Registration**

Registration for the congress can be made only through the website: [www.woodchem.fr](http://www.woodchem.fr)

The registration fee includes all scientific sessions of the congress, all congress materials, lunches and coffee breaks.

The congress fees amount to 420€ TTC and must be booked and paid for on registration.

**Sponsorship**

We invite companies, organizations and institutions to participate in WOODCHEM® 2011 as Sponsors.

WOODCHEM® 2009 in Epinal, France attracted 130 participants from 10 countries worldwide. Decision-makers from the chemical industry and end markets, research managers and representatives of wood-based products companies are a few examples of expected participants. WOODCHEM® 2011 is also expected to attract sizeable media coverage.

Participation as sponsor at WOODCHEM® 2011 presents an opportunity for companies and organizations related to all aspects of Wood valorization to reach and promote their interests to this large group of professional and influential delegates. Sponsors will be given the opportunity to, for example, host sessions, sponsor dinners or social events.

**Sponsorship Application**

For inquiries about sponsorship opportunities, please contact the WOODCHEM Secretariat at:

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