International VDI Conference 2017

Sewage Sludge Treatment

May 17 – 18, 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark

• Developments of international Markets
• Thermal Treatment of Sewage Sludge
• Recovery of Phosphorus
• Political Developments and current EU-Legislation
• Methods for the (energetic) Recovery of Sewage Sludge

Excursion to the BIOFOS Plant in Copenhagen on May 16, 2017

Meet experts from the following companies:

Conference chair:
Prof. Dr.-Ing., Peter Quicker, Professor and Institute Director, RWTH Aachen, Germany

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- Business Development Manager: 30%
- Research & Development Manager: 20%
- Project Manager: 20%
- Managing Director: 20%
- Sludge Treatment Plant Operator: 10%

Expected Participants according to Industries

- Fertilizer Industry
- Sludge Dewatering Industry
- Builders of Sewage Sludge Incineration Plants
- Sludge Incineration Industry
16:00 Excursion BIOFOS Plant
On May 16, 2017 we will visit the BIOFOS plant. The excursion will take two hours and you will get a detailed insight into the operations of the plant. The visit is included in the registration fee. However, due to organizational reasons you need to register for the tour in advance. Please see the registration form on the last page.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017  1st day

10:00  Registration & welcome coffee

10:30 Chair’s welcome and opening address
Chair: Prof. Dr.-Ing., Peter Quicker, Professor and Institute Director, RWTH Aachen, Germany

I. Legislation, Policy and Markets

10:45 The European Union Policy and Law on Sewage Sludge
- Existing legal framework
- Implementation in the EU Member States
- Reviewing the existing legal framework
- The Circular Economy Package and Sewage Sludge
Dr. Wybe Th. Douma, Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute for International and European Law, The Netherlands

11:15 EU Policy on Sewage Sludge Utilization and Perspectives on new Approaches of Sludge Management
- European and national legislation
- Surveys of sludge production and processing around Europe
- Organic contaminants in sewage sludge
- Novelty in sewage sludge processing
Giuseppe Mininni, Coordinator of the sector on sludge, biomass and waste management, Water Research Institute, National Research Council, Italy, co-speaker: Prof. Stephen Smith, Head of Environmental Water Resource Engineering, Imperial College, UK

11:45 Strategies of Sewage Sludge Disposal in the EU
- Risks of organic materials in sewage sludge
- Sludge treatment and disposal strategies in relation to technology market feasibility assessments
- Outlook on future legislation and regulation in sewage sludge disposal and treatment
- Resource recovery
Roderick Palfrey B.Sc., Senior Consultant, Treatment Processes, WRc plc, UK

12:15 International Market Developments in the Sewage Sludge Treatment Industry
- Market drivers and sewage sludge volumes
- Global technology trends
- Selected key players
- Market outlook
Amedeo Vaccani M.Sc., Managing Partner, co-author: Zeinegul Salimova, Strategy Consultant, both A.Vaccani&Partners, Switzerland

12:45 Lunch

14:15 Phosphorus Recycling – From Vision to Practice
- Policy development in Europe within the circular economy package
- Different national approaches towards sustainable phosphorus management
- Phosphorus recycling: Reasons, technological developments and market potentials
Ludwig Hermann, MEW Business Innovations Manager, Outotec GmbH & Co. KG, Germany and Dr. Daniel Frank, Secretary, Deutsche Phosphorus-Platform DPP, Germany

II. Introduction

14:45 Overview about Methods and the Status Quo in Sewage Sludge Treatment
- Technologies in sewage sludge treatment
- Advantages and disadvantages of different methods
- Plant concepts and aims of sewage sludge treatment
Prof. Dr. Ing. Peter Quicker, Professor and Institute Director, RWTH Aachen, Germany

III. Current Status of Sludge Incineration

15:15 Successfully Execution and Commissioning of Sludge Incineration Plants
- Project execution on clients time schedule and clients budget
- Challenges in process design to comply with emission limits
- Design for best lifetime cost
Dipl. Eng. Ralf Decker, Vice President, Thermal Processing co-author: Dr. Dieter Müller, both Outotec GmbH & Co.KG, Germany

15:45 Reducing Operation Problems by Co-Firing with municipal Sludge
- Co-firing of municipal and industrial waste with digested municipal sludge
- Results from full scale trials in fluidised bed boilers and grate fired boilers
- Reduction of risk for bed agglomeration and corrosive deposits
Solvie Herstad Svärd M.Sc., Senior Consultant, Heat&Power, WSP Sverige AB, Sweden
16:15 .Networking & coffee break

IV. Trends in Resource Recovery

16:45 Outlook on Resource Recovery from Sewage Sludge
- Current schemes and technologies
- Current and future drivers to increase resource recovery
- New innovations and aspects of sustainability in the sewage sludge industry
- Industrial symbiosis as an opportunity for improvement

Mona Arnold Tech. Lic., MBA, Business Development Manager, Solutions for Natural Resources, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland

17:15 The Role of Phosphorus Recycling in Circular Economy
- Development over the last decade in phosphate recycling
- ICL’s worldwide activities – Approaching different markets
- Best practice, future developments and lessons learned – Projects: Fertilizers, RecoPhos and Tenova

Kees Langeveld, Vice President, Business Development, ICL Europe, The Netherlands

17:30 End of conference day one

Get-together
At the end of the first conference day we kindly invite you to use the relaxed and informal atmosphere for in-depth conversations with other participants and speakers.

09:00 15-years Experience in ecological Sound Sewage Sludge Recovery at HeidelbergCement
- Sourcing and drying of dewatered sewage sludge
- Transport and storage of dry sewage sludge
- Mineral and thermal recovery of sewage sludge
- P2O5 recovery and optimization of energy efficiency
- Emission control when co-processing sewage sludge in cement kiln
Ir. Jan Theulen, Director Alternative Resources, Global Environmental Sustainability, HeidelbergCement, Belgium

V. Methods in Sewage Sludge Treatment

09:30 Making Room for Innovation – New Methods and Concepts for the Treatment and Drying of Sludge

Moderator: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Quicker, Professor and Institute Director, RWTH Aachen, Germany

Panelists:
- Changes in the global Market for municipal Sludge Drying from a Technology Provider’s Point of View
  Dipl.-Ing. Alexander Kuppe, Managing Director, ANDRITZ Gouda B.V., The Netherlands
- Waterleau’s Activities in Sludge Incineration and thermal Treatment of Sludge using Solar Energy
  Hans Grootaerd, Vice President Operations, Waterleau Group NV, Belgium
- Supercritical (hydrothermal) Gasification
  Dr. John Harinck, Managing Director, Gensos B.V., The Netherlands
- Thermal Hydrolysis of Sludge for Fertilizers
  Joost Edens B.Sc., Manager Water & Sales, Sustec B.V., The Netherlands
- Sewage Sludge Drying – Efficient Developments
  Ulf Bojner, Managing Director, AB Torkapparater, Sweden

11:00 Networking & coffee break

VI. New Plant Concepts and Plant Optimization

11:30 Sewage Sludge Utilization with PYREG Technology
- Energy autarkic sludge mineralization
- Fertilizer production
- Emission standards in small scale combustion units

Kevin Friedrich M.Sc., Head of Research and Development, co-author:
Dipl.-Ing. Helmut Gerber, Managing Partner, both PYREG GmbH, Germany
12:00 Industrial HTC Technology applied to Sewage Sludge Treatment
- Design concept of an Industrial HTC facility for sewage sludge
- Economic and technical data from HTC Industrial Plant operation with sewage sludge
- Uses and market for bioproducts obtained
- European market for sludge treatment
**Maria Luisa Hernández Latorre MBA, CEO, co-author: Dip-Ing. Martin Hitzl, both INGELIA S.L., Spain**

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Reduction of the Minimum Incineration Temperature: Effects on the Emissions
- Optimization of a sewage sludge incineration plant
- Approved test operation for reduction of the minimum incineration temperature
- Temperature dependency of air pollutants emissions
- Effects on the auxiliary fuel demand
**Dr.-Ing. Margit Löschau, Managing Director, wandschneider + gutjahr ingenieurgesellschaft mbh, Germany**

14:00 Thermal Sludge Treatment in Germany – Case Studies
- Sludge framework in Germany
- Technology for thermal sludge treatment
- Reference projects and economics
**Dipl.-Ing. Jörn Franck M.Sc., Managing Director, Dr. Born – Dr. Ermel Ingenieure GmbH, Germany**

14:30 Sewage Sludge – Driving Energy Recovery and Usage to its Potential
- Maximising energy recovery by digestion, incineration and flue gas condensation
- Optimal energy use through integration with city infrastructure for gas and district-heating
- Synergies through co-location of thermal sludge treatment and WtE plants
- Biofos, Lynetten, Copenhagen; The world’s largest energy recovery from sewage sludge?
- South East Asia: Maximising electricity output from sewage sludge treatment through synergies
**Tore Hulgaard Ph.D., Technical Manager, Waste-to-Energy, Ramboll, Denmark**

15:30 Networking & coffee break

16:00 Hong Kong’s T Park – A Solution for Sewage Sludge with Societal Benefits
- Sewage sludge disposal
- Energy recovery
- Permitting and approvals
- Benefits to the society
- Solutions
**Dr. Anne Kerr, Global Head Cities, Mott MacDonald, China**

16:30 Conference chair’s closing remarks
16:45 End of conference
Workshop

Wastewater Treatment

Workshop Chair:
Dr. Fabio Masi, Ph.D. – R&D Manager – IRIDRA Srl – Florence – Italy

Date and venue: Time:  
May 16, 2017 10:00 – 15:30
Park Inn by Radisson Copenhagen Airport

Content:
Wastewater (WW) management is included in one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations: SDG 6 is dedicated on water and sanitation. A UNEP report in 2010 stated that more than 90% of the WW produced worldwide was still discharged untreated in oceans, seas, rivers, etc. In several countries the WW management is nowadays a norm, but still there are open discussions about the kind of approach to be adopted, i.e. centralisation vs. decentralisation. The choice of the adopted technologies is strictly linked to environmental performances and economical aspects; due to the scarce “willingness to pay” for this service a great focus should be given to all the technologies that are able to lower the treatment costs still maintaining reliable and robust performances in the long term. Furthermore, WW has to be seen as a carrier of valuable primary chemicals that can be easily converted to marketable products (fertilisers, bio-plastics, soil conditioners, biofuels, etc.), and as well as a relevant source of ”new water” to be used for specific purposes.

Introduction
• Biogeochemical cycles, their perturbation by anthropic activities and links with sanitation and WW management
• Centralisation vs. decentralisation
• WW management in circular economy
• Sustainable Water Management and Sustainable Sanitation
• Nature-based solutions for WW treatment and water pollution control

Case studies
• Sludge Drying Reed Beds – experiences in Denmark and abroad
• Treatment Wetlands WW Treatment Plant in Orhei (20000 pe), Moldova
• Greywater treatment and close-loop recycling
• Ecosystem services for Combined Sewer Overflows management

Summary
The near future of WW treatment in respect to the SDG 6 targets

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