Energy from Biomass Combustion

Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 May 2021

Course Director
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About the course
Background to the course
Biomass is a key element in government plans to increase renewable energy sources and reduce greenhouse gases. Biomass has environmental and economic impacts, and is unique as a renewable fuel since it can contribute to all three energy sectors – electricity, heat and transport fuels.

In the UK, imported white wood pellets are a major fuel, but energy crops, such as short rotation willow coppice and miscanthus as well as forestry residues, agricultural residue and waste woods, all find use in the production of electricity and heat.

What will I learn?
This course will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the status and developments in energy delivery from biomass combustion. The focus will mainly be on biomass for electricity and heat. This course looks at fuel supply options and the emissions and plant performance implications. The use of biomass for energy production has several associated technical, environmental and socioeconomic challenges. Some of these, particularly the technical challenges, will be addressed in this course.

Who should attend
This course will be of particular interest to you if you’re:
- a process engineer or chemist new to the bioenergy field
- a regional developer wanting to obtain a technical perspective on bioenergy
- an energy and environmental manager interested in using bioenergy
- a process heat system designer interested in biomass as a heat source.

How will I benefit?
The course will give you a sound understanding of the fundamentals and practicalities of:
- the basics of solid biomass combustion
- dedicated biomass installations
- solid biomass for electricity generation
- biogas and landfill gas for process heat and power generation
- sustainability of biomass supply chains

Course Accreditation
This course has been developed in conjunction with SUPERGEN Bioenergy Hub

Programme

Monday 17 May 2021
08.30 Registration and coffee
09.00 Prospects and developments in bioenergy
Bilal Hussain, Senior Analyst – Modelling, Energy Systems Catapult (ESC)
09.45 Life cycle analysis and sustainability
Dr Rob Holland, Senior Research Fellow, University of Southampton and Systems Topic Representative for the SuperGEN Bioenergy Hub
10.45 Coffee
11.05 Sustainable biomass – understanding and meeting the UK, EU and global requirements on sustainability
Peter Coleman, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
12.00 Supply chain economics and risk management
Rachel Lee, 350 Strategy Limited
13.00 Lunch
13.45 Fundamentals of biomass combustion
Professor Jenny Jones, SUPERGEN and School of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Leeds
14.45 Traded biomass and standards
Susan Weatherstone, Fuel Technology, Uniper Technology Centre
15.35 Tea
15.55 Emissions standards and regulations for biomass heat and power
Steve Griffiths, Uniper Technologies Ltd
17.00 End of day one

Tuesday 18 May 2021
08.45 Registration
09.00 Domestic biomass and air quality
Dr Gary Fuller, Environmental Research Group, Imperial College London
10.00 Case study: combustion optimisation on an FBC firing waste wood
Af Malningen, RJM International
11.00 Coffee
11.20 Extending fuel specifications and plant limits to increase flexibility
Dr Trudy Beeley, RWE
12.05 Biomass boilers – technology and deployment
Neil Harrison, r:heat
13.05 Lunch
13.50 Case study: UK Biomass installation – overcoming the challenges
Stephen Chilton, PX Limited
14.50 Tea
15.10 Boiler design considerations when converting to biomass firing
Dr David Waldron, previously GE Power
16.00 Coal-to-biomass combustion plant conversion
Dr Patrick Mason, Re:heat
17.00 End of day two

Wednesday 19 May 2021
08.45 Registration
09.00 The problem of metals in biofuels – combustion and ash influences
Professor Jenny Jones, SUPERGEN and School of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Leeds
10.00 Corrosion, slagging and fouling – special issues relating to biomass firing
Professor Bernard Gibbs, School of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Leeds
11.00 Coffee
11.20 Biogas and landfill gas resources, current utilisation and future potentials
Stewart Davies, Virdor Waste Management
12.20 Lunch
13.05 Biomethane – gas to grid
Declan Owens, Cadent Gas Ltd
14.00 The highs and lows of renewable energy
Fred Walter, Fred Walter & Sons Ltd
15.00 End of day three and course

What our previous delegates say:
“A well-organised, informative course that provides you with a solid understanding of energy from biomass combustion”
Environment Agency

“Well informed, great speakers, giving an insight into the latest advances made in different fields”
Ofgem

“Excellent in-depth journey through the key elements of biomass”
Natural Resources Wales

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Please note, although we remain devoted to the programme specified, we reserve the right to vary the programme in detail if required to do so by factors beyond our control.
Further information

Course Fees
The following course fees include the cost of tuition, paperless course materials, lunches and light refreshments:
Full three days £925 or any one day £360

Venue
The course venue will be Weetwood Hall Estate which offers first-class hotel facilities, a business centre and ample parking facilities. Weetwood Hall Estate is ideally situated 15 minutes north of the centre of Leeds. Further details can be found at www.weetwood.co.uk

Accommodation
If you require accommodation, and wish to stay at the course venue Weetwood Hall Estate, please contact Emma Barker E: reservations@weetwood.co.uk / T: 0113 230 6000 quoting ‘CPD’ and the ‘Energy from Biomass’ course.

The below rates are for a superior double room and include VAT:
Sunday evening, bed and breakfast £84 Monday/Tuesday evening, bed and breakfast £88

Please book your accommodation at least two weeks before the course commences to guarantee rates and availability. A list of alternative hotels is available on request.

How to Book
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Terms and conditions for booking

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Payment should be made at the time of booking via the Online Store.

Payment via purchase order and invoice
A purchase order document should accompany your booking form. Our standard terms of payment are 30 days from date of invoice, however payment must be made prior to attendance. Attendance may be refused if payment has not been received.

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For cancellations made within seven days of booking: a full refund is payable unless the course starts within the next seven days, in which case the full fee is payable and no refunds will be made.

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