

**REALISING THE PROMISE OF BIOENERGY:
Commercial and Practical Issues
Draft Programme**

DAY ONE – MONDAY 18th September 2006	
9.00	Registration
	SESSION 1:INTRODUCTIONS
10.10	Welcome from the Sheriff of Oxford City – Councillor Susanna Pressel
10.20	Introduction from the chair (Cllr Dr Royce Longton – West Berkshire Council)
10.30	Key note speech (Gary Shanahan, Department of Trade and Industry)
11.00	Hastening the return of bioenergy – Dr Keith Richards OBE (TV Energy)
11.30	Understanding the role of the International Energy Agency –Godfrey Bevan CBE (Retired Chairman of the renewables working party IEA and Director TVE)
12.00	Lunch
	SESSION 2:BIOENERGY POLICY AND DRIVERS
13.30	Making the regional policy lead on sustainable energy count – Graham Tubb MBE (SEEDA)
14.00	Towards a wood fuel strategy for England – Andy Hall (Forestry Commission)
14.30	Sustainable rural communities and bioenergy - Antonio Lumericisi and Virginia Bombelli (Ministry for the Environment & Territory, Italy)
15.00	Tea
	SESSION 3: COMMERCIALISATION OF BIOENERGY
15.30	Slough Heat & Power – a successful conversion to wood fuel – John Watson (Slough Heat and Power)
16.00	Taking the risk out of sustainable energy projects – the ESCo approach – Mary Miller (TV Energy)
16.30	An existing ESCo case study (Crispin Webber – Thames Energy)
17.00	Discussion
17.30	Close

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	EVENING PROGRAMME
18.30	Reception
19.30	Conference dinner
20.30	SPEAKER: Addressing the ignorance that prevents the wide scale use of wood fuel in England – Sir Ben Gill CBE

DAY TWO – TUESDAY 19th September 2006	
	SESSION 4: BIOMASS FUEL PRODUCTION
9.25	Introduction from the chair (Godfrey Bevan CBE)
9.30	The importance of energy crops – Dr Theo Verwijst (Sweden)
9.50	Willow Establishment Trial in New Zealand – Dr Ian Nicholas (New Zealand)
10.10	Bioenergy in Alberta: Challenges and opportunities in an energy-rich Canadian province – Bill White (Canadian Forest Service)
10.30	Production Potential for short-cycle woody crops for bioenergy production in low-rainfall area of Australia – Brendan George (NSW Department of Primary Industries)
11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	SESSION 5: BIOENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
11.30	Bioenergy in the built environment - Michael Beech (TV Energy)
11.50	Wood Fuel in The West Midlands– Ewan Bent (Midlands Wood Fuel Ltd.)
12.10	Changing Perspective of US Bioenergy – Dr Marilyn Buford (Forest Service)
12.35	Feeding the charcoal supply chain - comparative analysis Of Croatia and Brazil case studies – Dr Julije Domac (Hrvoje Pozar, Croatia)
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
	SESSION 6: UTILISING BIOMASS AS A FUEL
14:10	A local wood fuel win with a global story to tell - Karl Hansen (The Living Rainforest)
14.30	Community biomass - Wood in preference to fossil and nuclear power. Eddie Johansson, (Enköping CHP, Sweden)
15.00	Large-scale biomass co-firing – Gary Amos (NPower)
15.30	The holistic solution: the Dundalk project – Declan Meally (SEI, Ireland)
16.00	Discussion
16.30	Close

DAY THREE – WEDNESDAY 20th September 2006		
SITE TOURS & VISITS		
<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3 (if 1 and 2 are over-subscribed)</i>
9.00 am Depart for Friars Court	9.00 am Depart for Slough Heat and Power	9.00 am Depart for Wexham nurseries
1 pm Lunch at Wheatley	1 pm Lunch at Wheatley	1pm Lunch at Wheatley
2pm Depart for Slough Heat and Power	2 pm Depart for Friars Court	2pm Depart for Friars Court