



International
Biochar Initiative

Special Edition Newsletter:

IBI's Activities at the UN Climate Change Conference in Poznan, Poland

December 1 - 12, 2008

IBI is pleased to announce that it will participate in conference activities in Poznan, Poland at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference. The UN Climate Change Conference is the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). During the 2 weeks of the conference, an estimated 8,000 people and over 190 government delegations will participate. The UNFCCC is one of the most important environmental agreements to lay down a framework for international actions to address global climate warming. For additional information go to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) website, at:

<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

IBI will present a technology exhibit, rent an office and meeting space providing biochar materials and samples, and host a seminar. This venue offers an excellent opportunity for IBI to showcase the role of biochar in addressing climate change. Highlighted below are IBI's specific activities as well as an opportunity for IBI network members to contribute information. New information and updates will be posted on the IBI website at:

<http://www.biochar-international.org/unpoznanactivities.html>



Biochar Technology Exhibit

The International Biochar Initiative (IBI) and the Biochar Energy Corporation (BEC) are jointly

presenting a Biochar Exhibit at the Poznan Exhibition "**Technologies for Climate Protection**". The exhibition site will be on the grounds of the International Poznan Fair, in Pavilion 5. Look for the joint IBI/BEC Exhibit, which will be on display from 1-14 December. The exhibit will feature BEC's Biochar Batch Production Unit (shown in the photo), as well as an information board on biochar production and utilization, to include a description of other biochar production technologies, and other relevant information. We will also be presenting a new film on biochar at the exhibit, featuring Johannes Lehmann and others discussing Terra Preta, biochar production, biochar's beneficial properties in soils, biochar and climate change, as well as the potential for carbon sequestration.



Please plan to come by and view the exhibit, and see the biochar information boards and the film!

Visit the Technologies for Climate Protection Exhibition homepage [here](#).

IBI Office and Meeting Space

The International Biochar Initiative (IBI) and the Biochar Energy Corporation (BEC) are jointly renting an office and meeting space at the Poznan Technology Exhibit in Exhibition Hall 5, first floor. Look for the IBI logo outside our office. We will have biochar materials to hand out, technical information, a video display, and biochar samples.

IBI Personnel in Poznan, Poland:

Please come by and say hello to the IBI staff staffing the IBI Office and Meeting Space at the Poznan Technology Exhibit in Exhibition Hall 5:

Johannes Lehmann

Chairman of the Board
International Biochar Initiative

Debbie Reed

Executive Director, Policy Director
International Biochar Initiative

IBI Side Event/Seminar

IBI is also hosting a seminar on biochar during the UNFCCC meeting. The seminar, scheduled from 4:00-4:50 pm on Friday, December 5, is entitled: **"Biochar: A Carbon-Negative Technology to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Global Soil Resources"**. The seminar will be held in the Discussion and Banquet Room at the Poznan Technology Exhibition hall 5.

How IBI Network Members can Participate

Materials

IBI would like to invite its network members to submit printed information (brochures or pamphlets or similar items) on their organization, projects, technologies, policies and other relevant topics to be displayed in the IBI Office and Meeting Space during the Poznan Conference. However, all interested parties must arrange delivery of their materials to the site, and IBI cannot be responsible for the delivery (or return) of these materials. IBI will not return these materials after the conference. IBI will display printed materials on a tabletop or on shelving in the IBI office, and may make materials available as handouts, if desired. For more information on submitting materials, and to receive a list of forwarding services identified by the Polish government for sending materials to the site, please email Thayer Tomlinson at info@biochar-international.org with the subject line "Materials for Poznan".

Photos

IBI is developing a number of printed materials for the conference and is updating the IBI website and would like to include photos of projects, technologies, field trials, and biochar. If you have photos you would like to contribute, please send them with explanations of the subject and photo credit information to Kelpie Wilson at kelpie@dishmail.net with the subject line "Biochar Photos". Photos for Poznan need to be submitted by Nov 1, 2008. IBI will be assembling a photo database with these images and will use them on the IBI website as well. Please send the highest resolution possible.