

# Zero waste biorefineries: technical advances and sustainability assessment

The 1st Summer School on waste biorefineries in the context of bioeconomy, with a focus on valorization of recalcitrant side streams. A panel of specialists in the biorefinery field will provide an up-to-date state-of-the-art overview based on the latest advances in terms of scientific knowledge, techno-economical developments and life cycle assessment methodologies.

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## Course aim

This Summer School addresses the question of biorefinery wastes in the context of bioeconomy, with a focus on valorization of recalcitrant side streams. A panel of specialists in the biorefinery field will provide an up-to-date state-of-the-art overview based on the latest advances in terms of scientific knowledge, techno-economical developments and life cycle assessment methodologies.

## Course design

The course will be mainly composed of lectures with ample opportunity for discussions. Furthermore there will be poster presentations, an excursion to a Dutch biorefinery factory and the participants will have the chance to apply their acquired knowledge through case studies carried out in groups.

## **Course topics**

- Feedstock availability, logistics, storage, handling and feeding
- Zero waste biorefineries: examples and needs
- Markets and products
- Functionalised packaging materials
- Biochemical conversion
- Thermochemical conversion
- Analytical techniques in biorefining with focus on recalcitrant streams
- Value chain assessment of zero waste biorefineries and their products

For this summer school, graduate school VLAG can give 1 ECTS credit for PhD students and 0,5 ECTS extra for a poster presentation.

## **Tentative** program

#### Day 1

9.30 am: Welcoming and introductive presentation (Prof. Stéphanie Baumberger & Dr. Richard Gosselink)

Feedstock availability, logistics, storage, handling and feeding

 Lignocellulosic feedstocks for biorefineries
(Dr. Stephan Piotrowski, nova-Institut GmbH)

Zero waste biorefineries: examples and needs

 Lignocellulosic biorefineries with integrated side stream valorisation: reality or future? (Ed de Jong, Avantium BV)

Markets and products

- Functionalities and markets for lignins
   (Jairo Lora, Green Value Enterprises LLC)
- Cosmetics needs in active biomolecules (Fabio Apone, Arterra)
- Feed markets for waste valorisation (Alex Olach, Kretting)
- Functionalised packaging materials (Jérome Vachon, SABIC)

## Day 2

Conversion processes and tools (Module 1 on biochemical conversion)

- Potential of bacteria and synthetic biology for lignin conversion (Prof. Tim Bugg, University of Warwick)
- Microbial consortia and waste valorisation (Guillermina Hernandez, INRA)
- Insect potential in biorefineries (Nathalie Berezina, Ynsect)

Conversion processes and tools (Module 2 on thermochemical conversion)

- Thermochemical processes for the production of platform biomolecules (Daan van Es, FBR)
- Technical and "green" potential of ionic liquids (Guy Marlair, INERIS & Dr. Betty Cottyn, INRA)
- Tool box for tuning lignin structure (Prof. Stéphanie Baumberger, AgroParisTech)

Analytical techniques in biorefining with focus on recalcitrant streams

- Analytical tools review for lignin characterisation (Dr. Richard Gosselink, FBR)
- Humins: production and progress in structural investigation (Annelie Jongerius, Avantium BV)

#### Day 3

Value chain assessment of zero waste biorefineries and their products

- Value-chain environmental assessment of biorefineries (Harriëtte Bos, WFBR)
- Taking into account techno-economic criteria in the design of biomass conversion processes (Elke Breitmayer, nova-Institut GmbH)
- Safety aspects in biorefineries (Xun Liao, Quantis)
- · Site visit in the afternoon
- Evening lecture on Biobased Economy

#### Day 4

Case studies: design a zero waste biorefinery based on a lignocellulosic biomass side stream.

- Case 1: Pulp & paper mill including full valorization of side streams
- Case 2: Lignocellulosic biorefinery with focus on production of biochemicals including full valorization of side streams
- Short presentation per group on results

Summary and achievements of the workshops and conclusions of the summer school (Prof. Stéphanie Baumberger)

A separate visit to the facilities of FBR is optional.

## **Organisation**

#### **Course coordinators**

**Dr. Richard Gosselink** (Wageningen Food & Biobased Research, The Netherlands)

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#### Other faculty

Dr. Fabio Apone

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## Registration & course fee

To register please visit **www.zelcor.eu/summerschool-registration**Applicants will be informed of acceptance of their registration before 1 June.
They will receive instructions for payment and further course details.

## 2 – 6 September 2018 Wageningen International Congress Centre (WICC) Lawickse Allee 9, 6701 AN Wageningen Wageningen, The Netherlands

Course fee includes materials, coffee/tea during breaks, lunches, an excursion and 2 course dinners but does not cover accommodation. The course fee depends on the participant's affiliation:

### Course fee

PhD candidates affiliated with VLAG	€ 250
other PhD candidates + ZELCOR members	€ 450
University staff / Non-Profit	€750
Industry / For-Profit	€ 1500 (*)



Daytickets for industry participants are available upon request, email to: cornelia.vanbree-evers@wur.nl

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