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## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Contribution of biofertilizer soil amendments to net zero agriculture**

**Dr. Jonathan Scurlock**

Chief Advisor, Renewable Energy and Climate Change, National Farmers Union



**PR24 – What the draft methodology will mean for bioresources**

**Alex Whitmarsh**

Principal in OFWAT's PR24 Team



### ADVANCED THERMAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR OUTPUTS

**Gasification of biosolids: a comparison of two different approaches**

Willoughby, N.<sup>1</sup>, McDonald, C.<sup>2</sup>, O'Brien, L.<sup>1</sup>, Knörle, U.<sup>3</sup> and Sellers, E.<sup>3</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Eliquo Hydrok, UK, <sup>2</sup>Logan Water Partnership, Australia, <sup>3</sup>Eliquo Technologies GmbH, Germany

**Activated carbon production and phosphorous recovery from industrial sludge by application of an integrated thermo-chemical treatment**

Di Bianca, M.<sup>1</sup>, Salimbeni, A.<sup>1,2</sup>, Rizzo, A.M.<sup>1,2</sup> and Chiaramonti, D.<sup>1,2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>RE-CORD, Italy; <sup>2</sup>University of Florence, Italy, <sup>3</sup>Polytechnic of Turin, Italy

**Integrated steam-drying and pyrolysis of biosolids - results and takeaways from the world's first operational full scale implementation in Denmark**

Pederson, A.N. and Wieth, C., AquaGreen ApS, Denmark

**Converting sewage sludge to biochar: a review of options and feasibility**

Piechoczek, E.<sup>1</sup>, Bajón Fernández, Y.<sup>2</sup>, Lancaster, R.<sup>1</sup>, Longhurst, P.<sup>2</sup>, McAdam, E.<sup>2</sup>, Thompson, A.<sup>1</sup>, Wagland, S.<sup>2</sup>, Westlake, S.-J.<sup>1</sup> and Wilson, R.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Atkins, UK, <sup>2</sup>Cranfield University, UK

**Biosolids to biochar journey and biochar properties from Australia's first fluidised bed pyrolysis technology**

Surapaneni, A.<sup>1</sup>, Shah, K.<sup>2</sup>, Bergmann, D.<sup>1</sup> and Casey, E.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>South East Water, Australia, <sup>2</sup>RMIT University, Australia

**Biosolids to biochar - a business case perspective**

Casey, E., Surapaneni, A. and Bergmann, D., South East Water, Australia

**Co-pyrolysis of biosolids with alum sludge and lignocellulosic biomass: Product yield and quality assessment**

Rathnayake, N.<sup>1,2</sup>, Patel, S.<sup>1,2</sup>, Pazferreiro, J.<sup>1</sup>, Sharma, A.<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Surapaneni, A.<sup>2,4</sup> and Shah, K.<sup>1,2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>RMIT University, Australia, <sup>2</sup>ARC Training Centre on Advance Transformation of Australia's Biosolids Resources, <sup>3</sup>Manipal University Jaipur, India, <sup>4</sup>South East Water, Australia

**Validating applicability of obtained biomaterials by means of pyrolyzed sewage sludge**

Monsalvo Garcia, V., Fernández Fernández, I. and Giménez Lorang, A., Aqualia, Spain

**THERMAL AND BIOLOGICAL HYDROLYSIS**

**Reducing steam demand in THP**

Lillebø, A.H., Rasmus Holte, H., Botan, A. and Brinch, J., Cambi, Norway

**HELEA®, the sustainable, energy efficient route to advanced digestion**

Oliver, B.<sup>1</sup> and Riches, S.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Royal HaskoningDHV, UK, <sup>2</sup>Anglian Water, UK

**THP upgrade for process intensification - a case study**

Svensson, K., Cambi, Norway

**Challenges and lessons learned from digitalizing Cambi THP plants**

Botan, A., Minasidis, V. and Dadgar, F., Cambi, Norway

**ANAEROBIC DIGESTION**

**Scenarios for improved biogas yield through pyrolysis**

Flatabo, G.O.<sup>1,2</sup>, Kjørtaug Svennevik, O.<sup>2</sup>, Jahre Nilsen, P.<sup>2</sup>, Wein, A.<sup>2</sup> and Hennie Bergland, W.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>University of South-Eastern Norway, <sup>2</sup>VOW, Norway

**Investigating sludge overflow from anaerobic digesters at Seafield wastewater treatment works - sharing experience**

Hafeez, N., Veolia, UK

**Best practices for reducing the costs of anaerobic digestion**

Bourenane, N., BiogasWorld, UK

**Conversion of existing AD and AAD reactors into Ephyra – more capacity, improved efficiency - A Net Zero quick Win**

Lavender, P.<sup>1</sup>, Oliver, B.<sup>1</sup> and Visser, A.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Royal HaskoningDHV, UK, <sup>2</sup>Royal HaskoningDHV, Netherlands

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LAND APPLICATION OF RESIDUALS**

**Is land application of municipal biosolids a significant source of human PFAS exposure**

Pepper, I., University of Arizona, USA

**Biosolids-to-land carbon emissions and benefits - A Sydney Water case study**

McLeod, A.<sup>1</sup>, Lake, A.<sup>1</sup>, Moore, J.<sup>1</sup>, Fielke, M.<sup>1</sup>, Woods, P.<sup>2</sup>, Davis, J.<sup>2</sup>, Galway, B.<sup>2</sup> and Wood, M.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Jacobs, UK, <sup>2</sup>Sydney Water, Australia

**The Biosolids Assurance Scheme – maintaining confidence in biosolids recycling to agricultural land in the UK**

Grieve, D. and Taylor, M., Assured Biosolids Ltd, UK

**So what if there are microplastics in bioresources?**

Tompkins, D. and Fonseca Aponte, L., SUEZ/Aqua Enviro, UK

**Measuring microplastics in UK composts and digestates: Data and methodological challenges**

Fonseca Aponte, L. and Tompkins, D., SUEZ/Aqua Enviro, UK

**Simple, rapid analysis of E. coli and thermotolerant (faecal) coliforms in biosolids using the TECTA bacteria detection system**

Wolfe, P.<sup>1</sup>, Marcotte, E.J.P.<sup>1</sup>, Brown, S.R.<sup>2</sup> and O'Donnell, L.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Tectra-PDS, Canada, <sup>2</sup>Queen's University, Canada

**Exploring future digestate impact mitigation options for the Green Gas Support Scheme**

Fonseca Aponte, L.<sup>1</sup>, Tompkins, D.<sup>1</sup> and Palmer, G.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>SUEZ/Aqua Enviro, UK, <sup>2</sup>WRAP, UK

**Can sorption potential help to predict contaminants of concern?**

Monkhouse, C., SUEZ/Aqua Enviro, UK

**BIORESOURCES STRATEGY**

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Using the Water UK Bioresources Strategy for England as a jumping-off point, this session will include facilitated round-table and panel discussions around key issues facing markets for biosolids.

**Developing a long-term strategy for bioresources in England**

Piechoczek, E.<sup>1</sup>, Bajón Fernández, Y.<sup>2</sup>, Lancaster, R.<sup>1</sup>, McAdam, E.<sup>2</sup>, Shaffer, P.<sup>3</sup>, Sutherland, J.<sup>1</sup>, Westlake, S.-J.<sup>1</sup> and Wilson, R.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Atkins, UK, <sup>2</sup>Cranfield University, UK, <sup>3</sup>CIWEM, UK

**Unlocking bioresource market growth using a collaborative decision support tool**

Giacalone, S.<sup>1</sup> and Riches, S.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Business Modelling Associates (BMA), UK, <sup>2</sup>Anglian Water, UK

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**BIORESOURCES IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

**Innovation and integration: needs and advances**

Vaneckhaute, C., Université Laval, Canada

**Regulations and commercial prospects: challenges and opportunities for bringing products to the market**

van Spingelen, R., RecyFert. B.V., Netherlands

**Circular economy: beyond net zero and sustainable development goals**

Lake, A., Jacobs, UK

**Kaumera Nereda® Gum – An update on developments of organic chemical products from sludge**

Lavender, P., Royal HaskoningDHV, UK

**Novel product formulations: Does pyrolysis of sewage sludge reduce emerging contaminants?**

Schleiderer, F., Université Laval, Canada

**Producing green hydrogen from OFMSW**

Beesey, A. and Theaker, H., Alps Ecoscience UK Ltd, UK

**Realising the value in our waste - a bespoke resource recovery assessment for Thames Water**

Wilson, R.<sup>1</sup>, Piechoczek, E.<sup>1</sup>, Lancaster, R.<sup>1</sup>, Westlake, S.-J.<sup>1</sup>, Strange, G.<sup>1</sup> and Hardman, A.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Atkins, UK, <sup>2</sup>Thames Water, UK

## **Financial and environmental impact with byproducts from drinking water production**

Remmers, J. Thijssen, R. and Olde Weghuis, M., Vitens N.V., Netherlands

## **THICKENING, DEWATERING & LIQUOR TREATMENT**

### **THP cake product drying with non-thermal treatment methods**

Alexander, Z.<sup>1</sup>, Williams, T.<sup>2</sup> and McLeod, A.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Jacobs, UK, <sup>2</sup>Jacobs, USA

### **Enhanced cake dryness and granulation from dewatering technology**

Deighton, J. and Hanson, J.D., GEA Westfalia Separator Group GmbH

### **Post digestion liquor treatment using the DEMON process**

Bungay, S.<sup>1</sup>, Soares, A.<sup>2</sup> and Stephenson, T.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Helix ECL, UK, <sup>2</sup>Cranfield University, UK

### **Biological hydrolysis as a pre-treatment: impact on sludge dewaterability**

Courbet, C.<sup>1</sup>, Haddad, M.<sup>1</sup>, Gove, L.<sup>2</sup>, Wong, W.<sup>3</sup> and Bajón Fernández, Y.<sup>4</sup>, <sup>1</sup>SUEZ, France, <sup>2</sup>Anglian Water, UK, <sup>3</sup>Wessex Water, UK, <sup>4</sup>Cranfield University, UK

### **Advanced dewatering for most conventional to most innovative conditioning**

Mischler, J.-F., Bucher Unipektin AG, Switzerland

### **Lysate thickening and its positive effect on the anaerobic digestion process and sludge dewatering**

Falterer, M., Hiller GmbH, Germany

### **Did we reach utopia?**

Foster, D., Huber Technology, UK

## **UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING PROCESS EMISSIONS**

### **Feasible and effective reduction of N<sub>2</sub>O emission from farmland by using organic wastes as substrates and vectors for N<sub>2</sub>O-reducing bacteria**

Jonassen, K.R., Hiis, E.G., Vick, S., Molstad, L. and Bakken, L., Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

### **Pre and post digestion biogas hazards**

Goodwin, T.<sup>1</sup>, Mann, J.<sup>1</sup> and Bungay, S.<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Marches Biogas, UK, <sup>2</sup>Helix ELC, UK

### **Using robotic and autonomous systems to monitor methane emissions in sludge treatment centres**

Hiniduma Gamage, K.A., Rivas Casado, M. and Bajón Fernández, Y., Cranfield University, UK

### **Let's LDAR like we're in a climate crisis**

Lake, A.<sup>1</sup>, Gerogaki, S.<sup>1</sup>, Grant, B.<sup>2</sup>, Kraakman, B.<sup>1</sup>, Thursfield, G.<sup>3</sup> and Merry, T.<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Jacobs, UK, <sup>2</sup>Envirocare, UK, <sup>3</sup>Environmental Monitoring Solutions, UK

### **Achievable steps towards net zero. Reporting on a full-scale, extensive trial of digested sludge degassing with ELOVAC technology mitigating fugitive methane gas emissions to the atmosphere**

Willoughby, N.<sup>1</sup>, Frankl, S.<sup>2</sup>, O'Brien, L.<sup>1</sup>, Dittmann, M.<sup>3</sup> and Knörle, U.<sup>3</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Eliquo Hydrok, UK, <sup>2</sup>Scottish Water, UK, <sup>3</sup>Eliquo Technologies GmbH, Germany

## **BIOINFORMATICS**

The promise of bioinformatic techniques is that they will allow us to optimise biological processes from the bottom up. This session will explore recent advances to understand how close we are to routine practical application of these techniques.

**Optimising bioresources: metagenomics**

Smyth, M. and Sheeran, K., SUEZ/Aqua Enviro, UK

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**SENTRY: Real-time microbial performance monitoring in wastewater treatment systems**

Lamb, N., QuadraChem Laboratories, UK

**Supporting Organisations**

