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Newly Certified Operator

Congratulations to our newly RSB certified operator!

Ennovor Biofuels in the UK (UCO biofuel)

Third Quarter - July 2014

RSB Highlights

Welcome to our newest RSB team members!

Ethan Spaner joins RSB part time as Coordinator of the Smallholder Programme, where he ensures effective delivery of training and certifications to achieve sustainability and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers. He has worked on renewable energy and climate change issues for over 4 years, including sustainability standards, land use and deforestation, and international cooperation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.



Reet Sarnik is our new full time intern supporting standard development and ensuring efficient functioning of the administrative part of RSB, events' organization and communication activities. She has worked in waste treatment and renewable energy field in different countries and been engaged in research projects for sustainable development.



[Read more about our newest team members here!](#)

Ennovor Biofuels First in UK to Earn RSB Certification!

Congratulations to Ennovor, one of Europe's largest sustainable biodiesel producers, who recently earned RSB certification for their used cooking oil methyl ester (UCOME) biodiesel. Ennovor's focus is on converting natural and recovered oil and fats, such as used cooking oil (UCO)

producer)

For a complete list of RSB certified operators, [click here.](#)

Call for Public Comments

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Location/Region(s):

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Feedstock/Biofuel: UCO Trader

Comment period closes 16 July 2014

Please send all public comments to info@rsb.org

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recovered through its global supply chain, into UCOME biodiesel. "As an international certification system, RSB is appropriate for any feedstock in any country thus works very well along the entire supply chain," says David Frohnsdorff, CEO of Ennovor. "The RSB certification will enable Ennovor to demonstrate strict compliance with EU and international sustainability standards". [Download the full press release here.](#)

Used Cooking Oil Webinar a Success!

RSB recently held a worldwide webinar entitled "Accessing the EU Market for Used Cooking Oil" where more than 50 registrants

interacted with RSB's Dr. Melanie Williams and Matthew Rudolf, as well as our co-hosts Patrick Lynch from Greenergy and Neil Mendenhall from SCS. RSB's webinar educated participants about the latest certification

requirements to sell UCO into different countries within the EU, offered advice and opinions from an SCS auditor perspective, as well as from a large biofuel producer, Greenergy. The flexibility, operability and low cost of the RSB Voluntary Scheme for UCO was also presented. [Contact us](#) if you would like a copy of the presentation slides or audio recording.



The Faces of RSB: Participation in Recent Events

- Sébastien Haye attended the 11th Policies Against Hunger Conference, organized by the German Government on 30 June and 1 July. This conference is part of the round of discussions organized under the auspices of the Committee on Food Security, which should culminate with the adoption of the Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI) principles. Sébastien gave a presentation to emphasize the great overlap that exists between RAI principles and the RSB Standard, which could make credible certification schemes like RSB one of the implementation vehicle of the RAI principles.



- RSB's Matthew Rudolf spoke at the DOE's Bioenergy Technologies Office at Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago on June 24-26. The second edition of the Sustainable Bioenergy Landscapes Workshop convened a discussion on the usefulness and feasibility of using landscape principles to design sustainable bioenergy/row crop systems in the U.S. midwestern agricultural landscape.

- RSB's Board Vice-Chair, Khoo Hock Aun, recently spoke on the sustainability panel at the World Bio Markets Asia conference on 17-18 June 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. World Bio Markets Asia is the first Asia-based international event looking at upstream development and conversion technologies in the Asian bio-based markets both in the bio-based fuels and chemicals markets.



- On June 16, Rolf Hogan presented RSB as a model certification scheme for sourcing sustainable biomass to European businesses attending the Leaders for Nature (www.leadersfornature.nl) Masterclass organized by IUCN Netherlands in Rotterdam Zoo. Participants included AkzoNobel, Eneco, DSM, IBM, KPMG, Philips and Unilever.

- Rolf Hogan, RSB's Executive Secretary, spoke at the Fuels for Future panel along with Volvo, UPS and the city of Toulouse at the BSR (Business for Social Responsibility) Spring Forum in Paris, France on June 12. RSB has been collaborating with BSR on its "Future of Fuels" initiative in the US for several years.



- RSB's Melanie Williams was part of a panel discussion on Biofuels Voluntary Sustainability Schemes at the Oleofuels 2014 conference in Dusseldorf, Germany on June 11-12. Oleofuels 2014 is the progression of ACI's European Biodiesel series of events which ran from 2008-2013. The change of name reflects the fact that the event will now cover all fuels made from oils and fats including biodiesel, HVO and bio jet as well as take a more global view.



- Barbara Bramble represented RSB on the SE4ALL Sustainable Bioenergy High Impact Opportunity Steering Committee at the UN in New York on June 4.

Standard Update

Several standards and procedures were recently approved by the Assembly of Delegates (28 May) or Board of Directors (2 July). These are:

- [Global](#) and [EU RED](#) version of the RSB Standard on Risk Management - Version 3.0 This Standard was revised to improve clarity and user-friendliness, in particular the calculation of operators' risk class.
- [Global](#) and [EU RED](#) version of the Procedure on Communication and Claims. This procedure describes allowed on-product and off-product claims for RSB certified operators; Version 3.0 introduces a new "EU RED Compliant" on-product claims for RSB certified operators using raw material certified by another EU-recognised scheme.
- [EU RED version](#) of the RSB Standard for Participating Operators. This standard describes each step RSB Participating Operators shall follow throughout the certification process. Version 3.0 provides a more streamlined and user-friendly approach.
- [Phase-in Procedure](#). This new procedure allows Participating Operators to take up to one year to implement a new or revised standard or procedure.

The ongoing public consultation on the RSB Standard for small-scale producers is ending soon! Please send us your comments by July 16. More information can be found at the [RSB Public Consultations web page](#).

Upcoming consultations (Summer-Fall 2014) will address Chain of Custody procedures and the finalization of the

Standard for smallholders.

Smallholder Update

RSB's Smallholder Project is moving forward, having selected 2 pilot projects in South Africa and 2 more in Brazil. These smallholder groups will be guided through the steps to certification and connected to markets for selling their feedstocks.

RSB will hold RSB Southern Africa Day in Johannesburg (4 August) in tandem with RSB Auditor Training by AB Training (5-7 August) - details are below in upcoming events section.

The Smallholder Project has also been selected as a "High Impact Initiative" of the bioenergy section of the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative. RSB has joined the steering committee for SE4All's bioenergy section on High Impact Opportunities and Chair Barbara Bramble participated in the first meeting in June.



RSB in the News

RSB Only Initiative Demonstrating 100% Coverage of All SSI Greenhouse Gas Indicators

The latest "State of Sustainability Initiatives Review 2014: Standards and the Green Economy" report indicates that the RSB is the only initiative demonstrating 100 per cent coverage of all three SSI greenhouse gas indicators. The State of Sustainability Initiatives (SSI) project is facilitated by the Sustainable Commodity Initiative and has been directly managed by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade, Environment and Trade in a World of Interdependence (ENTWINED), and the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH). [Download the full SSI report here.](#)

INRO Recommends Use of RSB Certification System for Biomass

INRO (Initiative for the Sustainable Supply of Raw Materials for the Industrial Use of Biomass) recently announced that instead of creating its own certification system, it recommends using existing systems for biomass including the RSB certification system. [Read more...](#)

Biofuels Digest, Biofuels International and other publications Talk About Ennovor, Biomass Group and RSB's smallholder Southern Africa project

Several publications in June helped spread the word about Ennovor's RSB Certification touting it as the first UK producer

to earn RSB Certification. Various publications also mentioned Biomass Group's RSB application and how if certified, they would become Sri Lanka's first RSB certification. The May/June print issue of Biofuels International also had an article entitled "Sustainable Biofuel Crops Initiative Underway" which talked about RSB, Boeing, and South African Airways smallholder project in southern Africa. In another article about Amyris and Total's biojet fuel being ready for use in commercial aviation, Biodiesel Magazine (and other publications) mentioned that RSB certified Amyris' first farnesene production facility in Brazil.

RSB Mentioned on GreenBiz.com Article Regarding Biofuels and City Transportation

Sue Lebeck writes "...the efficiency of those vehicles still circling for parking is increased through stricter fuel standards. In addition, more carbon-neutral biofuels such as those certified through the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB offers a toolkit) may increasingly replace their fossil-based counterparts." [Read the full article here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Below is a list of upcoming (and ongoing) events that RSB staff are speaking at or attending. [Visit our events web page](#) for updates. Hope to see you soon!

23-25 July 2014 - 1st Conference on Pan American Biofuels and Bioenergy Sustainability, Recife, PE, Brazil

This conference is organized by the Pan American Research Coordination Network, with the purpose of gathering a network of biofuel sustainability researchers from a wide range of disciplines along with industry leaders, government officials, leaders of non-governmental organizations, foundations, and other professionals. RSB's [Aurea Nardelli](#) is invited to participate in a panel which will discuss "NGO-Government Perspectives on Biofuel and Bioenergy Sustainability". [More information...](#)

28 July 2014 - 1st IDB/BNDES Workshop on Financing Biofuels Investments in Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), Washington, DC

The IDB and BNDES Workshop on Financing Biofuels Investments in Latin America and Caribbean will be held as a preconference to the seventh DOE annual conference-Biomass 2014: Growing the Future Bioeconomy. [More information...](#)

29-30 July 2014 - Biomass 2014: Growing the Future Bioeconomy Conference in Washington, DC

The U.S. Department of Energy's Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) will host its 7th annual conference-Biomass 2014: Growing the Future Bioeconomy. The event will focus on the innovative technologies, priority pathways, financing strategies, and public policies needed to grow the bioeconomy of the future. [More information...](#)

4 August 2014 - RSB Southern Africa Day, Johannesburg/ Pretoria area, South Africa

RSB and friends Boeing, South African Airways, Solidaridad and PANGEA invite you to join us for RSB Southern Africa Day. This one-day Regional Meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials' global standard and certification system

across the region including the RSB Smallholder Project currently underway with partners Boeing, South African Airways and Solidaridad. This will be a unique opportunity to network with industry, government, NGOs and local communities interested in the production of biofuel and other bio-products from across Southern Africa. To register, contact Dorah.Marema@solidaridadnetwork.org by sending your full name, organization, email and any additional information (if any special dietary requirements). We look forward to seeing you there!

5-7 August 2014 - Upcoming RSB Auditor Course in Johannesburg/Pretoria area, South Africa

AB Training is organizing an Auditor Course on the RSB Standards. This is a "blended" course, where registered trainees will complete an online course, followed by a "face-to-face" course at the end of August. Registrations are open via e-mail (liviu@abtraining.biz) or online at www.abtraining.biz. [Download the flyer.](#)

23 September 2004 - Annual General Assembly of Delegates, Sao Paulo, Brazil

RSB will hold its Annual Assembly in Sao Paul ahead of WBM Brasil. Most of the meeting will be open to the public. More details will be forthcoming soon.

25-26 September 2014 - World Bio Markets (WBM), Sao Paulo, Brazil

Join RSB's [Rolf Hogan](#) and [Aurea Nardelli](#) as they speak at the WBM Brasil. The annual conference will cover biofuels innovation in the ethanol and diesel industries as well as bio-based chemical innovation in feedstock flexibility, the green revolution and product design. RSB friends will receive a 20% discount on their delegate registration by quoting discount code RSB20.

**Please note that the discount applies to the price at the time of booking and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. [More information...](#)

30 September-2 October 2014 - European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB) and the Biobased Economy 2014, Reims, France

RSB's [Rolf Hogan](#) is speaking at the EFIB, the premier market place for the European Biobased economy that has over 800 professionals, working within the dynamic and sustainable biobased industries sector, in attendance. [More information...](#)

20-22 October 2014 - Argus Biofuels and Feedstocks Conference, London, UK

RSB will be attending the Argus Biofuels and Feedstocks conference, now in its 9th year. It is an essential event for all those involved in the biofuels and feedstocks markets. This year, the event will gather together the market's leading figures for 3 days, including producers, traders, refineries, logistics and storage companies and services firms. If you have any enquiries or suggestions for this year's programme, please contact Argus using the details below:

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20-22 October 2014 - Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum, Madrid, Spain

The EU projects CORE-JetFuel, FORUM-AE and ITAKA are pleased to announce the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum. RSB's [Sebastien Haye](#) will be speaking about Feedstock and Sustainability at this conference. The Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum will focus on recent progress and important steps forward in the field of sustainable fuels for aviation. This joint event consists of three workshops, each organized by one of the three projects CORE-JetFuel, FORUM-AE and ITAKA. For more information, please visit the websites www.core-jetfuel.eu, www.forum-ae.eu, and www.itaka-project.eu.

3-5 November 2014 - F.O. Licht's World Ethanol & Biofuels Conference, Budapest, Hungary

RSB's [Dr. Melanie Williams](#) will be speaking at the 17th annual F.O. Licht's World Ethanol and Biofuels conference. Recognised as the best forum for in-depth analysis and as the biggest week

business and new contacts are made. [More information...](#)

11-13 November 2014 - Ecochem, the Global Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering Event, Congress Center Basel, Switzerland

Join RSB at this Ecochem conference, with an estimated 3000 attendees and over 150 exhibitors, representing the leaders and innovators of sustainable chemistry across the value chain. Some of the world's leading chemical and end user companies will be in attendance such as Dow, BASF, Clariant, Evonik, DuPont, INEOS, Nestle, Nike, Volkswagen, Levi's, Siemens, P&G, Novartis and L'Oreal. The meeting will aim to accelerate innovation, research, commercialisation and market uptake in design and production, as well as use of efficient, effective, safe and more environmentally benign chemical products and processes. For more information on participating, please contact marketing@ecochemex.com or visit www.ecochemex.com.

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