

TASMANIA BIOCHAR WORKSHOP

28 June 2010 - UTAS School of Arts, HOBART

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Connecting Biochar Stakeholders in TASMANIA

The **Australia and New Zealand Biochar Researchers' Network** joins forces with a range of Tasmanian stakeholders to host a one-day biochar workshop in Hobart, on June 28th, 2010.

The aim of the workshop is to provide a forum to review the role of biochar in agriculture and land management activities, as a greenhouse gas mitigation strategy as well as considering opportunities to reduce the cost of, or develop income from, management of organic wastes.

Opportunities for a host of integrated research, development and demonstration activities in Tasmania will also be explored.

The workshop is organized in two main streams of activity.

In the morning two sessions will feature respectively, a number of contributions reviewing biochar RD&D activities in Australia and worldwide, and a number of contributions aimed to provide a Tasmanian perspective on the role of biochar.

In the afternoon, workshop participants will be invited to contribute to the themes under discussion within one of several breakout groups. Brief reports from the thematic discussion groups will be shared in a plenary session.

A panel discussion will conclude the workshop.

We look forward seeing you in Hobart!
the ANZBiochar Committee

<http://anzbiochar.org/>



Australia and New Zealand Biochar Researchers Network

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

08.30-08.50 registration, coffees and networking

08.50-09.00 welcome address and workshop launch

Dr. Attilio PIGNERI, Australia and New Zealand Biochar Researchers' Network

09.00-09.30 keynote address

"Biochar: for mitigation of climate change and land management"

Prof. Annette COWIE,

National Centre for Rural Greenhouse Gas Research, University of New England

09.30-10.00

"Update on the GRDC and DAFF Biochar projects at CSIRO" (video link)

Dr. Evelyn KRULL, Carbon and Nutrient Cycling, CSIRO Land&Water

10.00-10.30

"Long-term Biochar field trials"

Steve KIMBER, Climate in Primary industries, Industry & Investment NSW

10.30-11.00

"Biochar commercialization"

Adriana DOWNIE, Pacific Pyrolysis,

11.00-11.20 morning tea

11.20-11.50

"Soil carbon levels under a range of soil types and land uses in Tasmania".

Declan MCDONALD, Sustainable Land Use, DPIPWE

11.50-12.20

"Biochar and pyrolysis as part of a holistic land management strategy for Tasmania"

Frank STRIE, Pacific Pyrolysis and Schwabenforest Pty Ltd

12.20-1.00

"Biochar and pyrolysis research activities at UTAS"

with contributions from:

Dr. Mark BOERSMA and Dr. Sally BOUND, Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research

Dr. Jane SARGISON and Oliver HEYWARD, UTAS School of Engineering

1.00-2.00 lunch

2.00-3.30 breakout discussion groups

"Biochar RD&D: priorities and challenges from a Tasmanian perspective"

facilitated by Dr. Attilio PIGNERI, Australia and New Zealand Biochar Researchers' Network

2.00-2.30 - introduction

2.30-3.20 - breakout groups activities

3.20-3.50 - brief reports from breakout groups

3.50-4.30 conclusive panel discussion

"Towards a Biochar Initiative in Tasmania"

moderated by Peter BOYER, Climate Tasmania,

4.30 workshop ends



WORKSHOP VENUE

Dechaineux Lecture Theatre

UTAS Tasmanian School of Arts, Hunter St, HOBART waterfront



The Australia and New Zealand Biochar Researchers' Network aims to provide a forum that brings together biochar researchers and practitioners from Australia and New Zealand.

The Network covers all facets of biochar research, including soil productivity enhancement, carbon sequestration, waste management, risk assessment and environmental management, sustainability of feedstock supply, greenhouse gas mitigation and bioenergy co-production.

Our focus is biochar research in the Australian and New Zealand context; we also engage in and encourage broader international collaboration.

Further information available at our website:
<http://tasmaniabiochar.org/>

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE: 40 AUD
 payable at the workshop registration desk

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: friday 25 June 2009
 late registrations will be accepted at the workshop registration desk

REGISTRATION FORM:

Please fill in this form and return electronically via email by clicking the SUBMIT button below, or e-mail details at tasmania.biochar.workshop@gmail.com Feel free to forward this form to others that you think might be interested.

Title: **First Name:** **Family Name:**

Organization: **Position:**

Email address: **Phone number:**

Special requirements – Dietary, mobility, hearing etc:



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