

New Challenge workshop leading to Proof of concept funds: Underlocking the potential of feedstocks for lignocellulosic biorefining in the UK 30 th Sep-1st Oct 2015. The LBN Net is organising a Challenge workshop around the Landscape document commissioned to the NNFFCC: "Lignocellulosic feedstock in the UK" (find the document on line www.lb-net.net). The aim of the workshop will be to investigate the potential and bottlenecks associated with feedstocks presented in the document and attempt to develop routes to exploit these in a biorefinery context. The document presents some interesting opportunities. Venue: tbc . Registration is going to be open soon!!!!

LBN Net Proof of Concept Project

Two of the three Proof of concept project awarded in the first workshop have started:

"Maximizing the Real Value of Lignin"

"Arabinoxylan co-production from sugarcane in integrated biorefineries" (To find more information visit our website)

Early Career Researchers' Creativity Workshop

The focus of this 3-day Early Career Workshop is: " Turning innovative ideas into bankable projects – How to develop project ideas and attract funding"

If you are in the last year of your PhD or you are a postdoctoral researcher within 3 years of completing your PhD do not miss this opportunity to engage with experts from industry and academia in the lignocellulosic biorefinery area and take part in a creativity workshop aimed at inspiring researchers to recognise the potential for innovation and research in the area of industrial biotechnology and lignocellulosic biomass.

Registration is open! To register please complete this application form: [LBN Net Early stage career workshop App form](#) and return it to veronica.ongaro@york.ac.uk (LBN Net Manager, CNAP)

Job opportunity

There is a great job opportunity for a Research Fellow in biotechnology-enzymology at the University of Warwick to drive forward an exciting project involving a number of LBN Net members. Be part of a programme working on the bacterial degradation of lignin to produce novel bioplastics – read more here:

https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search_engine/jobs.cgi?owner=5062452&ownertype=fair&jcode=1460155&vt_template=1457&adminview=1

2015 Biotechnology YES and Environment YES - Call Open

Are you an early career researcher? Do you want to diversify your life experience and professionally develop your range of attributes? If so, say yes to taking part in YES! YES is an innovative competition which aims to raise awareness of the commercialisation of scientific ideas among the research community. YES has been running for 20 years this year and has a track record of inspiring postgraduates to take their careers somewhere they may not have previously imagined. **Find out more and APPLY by visiting www.biotechnologyyes.co.uk or www.environmentyes.org Form a team and apply by Friday 29 May**

11th International Conference on Renewable Resources & Biorefineries, 3 – 5 June, 2015, York, UK

<http://www.rrbconference.com/rrb-11-welcome>

Advanced Biomanufacturing Conference Registration closes 24th April 2015.

The Advanced Biomanufacturing Centre is holding its first international conference on 18th/19th May 2015.

They will also be welcoming some young researchers to showcase their innovative projects. The conference will attract approximately 200 delegates and will be held at the Royal Victoria Hotel in Sheffield. Full details of the event can be found on our website at:

<http://www.sheffieldbiomanufacturing.org/index.php/news-events/event/advanced-biomanufacturing-conference/> where you can register online.