

From the Fryer to the Freeway: Making BioDiesel from Waste

Press Release

Wilhelm Hammer, Managing Director of BioDiesel International, an Austrian company that develops facilities for production of diesel fuel from plant and animal fats and oils, will speak at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in February. Biodiesel, as this form of diesel fuel is commonly called, is made from renewable resources, and is less polluting than conventional diesel fuel.

Mr. Hammer's talk, "From the Fryer to the Freeway: Making BioDiesel from Waste" will inaugurate the 2002 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Yale Industrial Environmental Management (IEM) Program at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. This year's IEM Lecture Series, THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, examines a variety of renewable and alternative energy technologies.

In its twelfth year, the IEM Spring Lecture Series brings speakers from a variety of companies to the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies to discuss the relationship between business and the environment.

Mr. Hammer's lecture will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 14, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. in Bowers Auditorium in Sage Hall, 205 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University. A reception in Sage Hall lounge will follow the presentation to give attendees an opportunity to meet with the speaker.

BDI specializes in the design and construction of facilities that are able to make biodiesel from a wide variety of feedstocks including waste cooking oil and agricultural oils. BDI has built industrial-scale facilities in Austria, the Czech Republic and the US. The technology is based on innovations developed at the University of Graz, Austria. As BDI's Managing Director and majority shareholder, Mr. Hammer is the senior executive in charge of BDI.

Other speakers in the series will include former US assistant secretary of energy Dan Reicher, Kyle Datta of Booz-Allen Hamilton, and a panel of executives from Connecticut fuel cells companies.

The IEM Spring Lecture Series is supported by the Joel Omura Kurihara Fund. Joel Kurihara, F&ES class of 1992 was committed to improving business and environmental relations and the type of dialogue this series seeks to advance. For further information regarding the lecture series, contact IEM at 432-6953 or iem@yale.edu.