



Registered for *Biomass 2013* Yet?—Draft Agenda and Hotel Information Now Available!

Have you registered for BETO's sixth annual biomass conference? *Biomass 2013: How the Advanced Bioindustry is Reshaping American Energy* will be held July 31–August 1 at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center. This year's conference will highlight the successes of the bioenergy industry over the past 20 years and provide a forum to exchange ideas, showcase new technologies, and discuss opportunities for the future. To learn more about the specific events planned, please see the [draft agenda](#).

So why wait? Sign up today to join us for this important conference on all things bioenergy and take advantage of the [special hotel room rates](#) available to attendees.

Join Us for a June Webinar on Ionic Liquids

The “Ionic Liquid Pretreatment Technologies” webinar will be held on Monday, June 24, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. ET. Dr. Blake Simmons of Sandia National Laboratories will present on the discovery, design, and optimization of an ionic liquid pretreatment technology that can efficiently process hardwoods, softwoods, agricultural residues, and other energy crops. Dr. Simmons will discuss the latest developments in this approach and highlight additional research to provide the scientific and economic basis for a scalable, integrated biomass conversion process using this technology.

Please join us for this informative and insightful discussion. The webinar is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please [register now](#). For more information about the webinar, please email [Kristin Rubisch](#).

May 2013 Multi-Year Program Plan Update Released

The May 2013 update to the [Multi-Year Program Plan](#) (MYPP) is now available on the BETO website. The MYPP outlines the Office's research, development, demonstration, and deployment priorities for the next four years. The May revision incorporates newly available data from 2012, which inform strategies across technology pathways.

In the Spotlight: BETO Project Portfolio

The BETO project portfolio took center stage this month at the [2013 Project Peer Review](#). So while there's no new Staff Spotlight video for May, there'll be lots to see from the Project Peer Review on our website soon.

In the meantime, catch up on the first 6 episodes of the [BETO Staff Spotlight Video Series](#)

on the [Bioenergy KDF YouTube Channel](#).

BioBlogs

In May, the [Bioenergy Technologies Office Blog](#) featured a post on Idaho National Laboratory's new Energy Systems Laboratory Facility. The facility features a process demonstration unit, which tests, demonstrates, and validates preprocessing methods; a characterization laboratory; and the biomass resource library, which documents the specifications for numerous types of feedstocks for immediate use in testing.

Find out more on the [Blog](#).

Past and Upcoming Events with Bioenergy Office Representation

- [2013 BETO Project Peer Review](#); May 20–23, 2013; Various Staff; Alexandria, Virginia
- [2013 International Energy Agency Bioenergy ExCo](#); May 21–24, 2013; Paul Grabowski; Cape Town, South Africa
- [Global Bioenergy Partnership 4th Working Group on Capacity Building](#); May 29–30, 2013; Kristen Johnson; Berlin, Germany
- [Renewable Low-Cost Carbon Fiber for Lightweight Vehicles Workshop](#); June 4–5; Joyce Yang; Detroit, Michigan
- [GTL North America](#); June 4–6, 2013; Kevin Craig; Houston, Texas
- [3rd International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts](#); June 16–19, 2013; Dan Fishman; Toronto, Canada
- [2013 Biotechnology Industry Organization \(BIO\) World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology](#); June 16–19, 2013; Joyce Yang and Barbara Twigg; Montreal, Canada
- [American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers \(ASABE\) 2013 Annual International Meeting](#); July 21–24; Sam Tagore; Kansas City, Missouri
- [Biomass 2013](#); July 31–August 1, 2013; Various Staff; Washington, D.C.
- [Natural Gas-Biomass to Liquids Workshop](#); September 3, 2013; Zia Haq; Chicago, Illinois

Upcoming Industry Events

- [European Biomass Conference and Exhibition 2013](#); June 3–7, 2013; Copenhagen, Denmark
- [International Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo](#); June 10–13, 2013; St. Louis, Missouri
- [Third International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels & Bioproducts](#); June 16–19, 2013; Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- [2013 EIA Energy Conference](#); June 17–18, 2013; Washington, DC
- [AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference](#); June 17–19, 2013; Brussels, Belgium
- [Alternative Clean Transportation Expo 2013](#); June 24–27, 2013; Washington, DC
- [Renewable Energy Finance Forum Wall Street](#); June 25–26, 2013; New York,

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