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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1: TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

10:00 - 10:30 | Introduction & Keynote Address
Terence McCracken, Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum

10:30 - 11:15 | Session 1: Biomass Heat Sector, State of the Sector in the UK

Mark Sommerfeld (Chair), REA Tunde Ojetola, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Neil Welsh, Ofgem

11:15 - 12:00 | Session 2: Industry Standards Updates

Alasdair Peppe (Chair), Dunster Biomass Heating Dr Matthew Goodwin, UKPC and European Pellet Council Helen Bently-Fox, Woodsure Virginia Graham OBE, Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd Alan Young, HETAS Ltd

12:00 - 12:15 - Refreshment Break

12:15 - 13:00 | Session 3: Deep Dive into the Commercial Realities of Biomass Heat in a Low Subsidy Market

Thomas Wilkins (Chair), NFU Energy John Nightingale, Firepower

13:00 - 14:15 - Lunch

14:15 - 15:15 | Session 4: Biomass Heat in the Context of Wider Bioenergy Developments

Julian Morgan Jones (Chair), South East Wood Fuels Ltd.
Dr Anna Mikis, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Dr Andrew Welfle CEng, University of Manchester
Samantha Shea, Gemserv

15:15 - 15:30 - Refreshment Break

15:30 - 16:30 | Session 5: Innovations in Domestic Biomass Feedstock Production

Gillian Alker (Chair), AMP Clean Energy Kevin Lindegaard, Envirocrops William Macalpine, Rothamsted Research Jamie Rickerby, Willow Energy William Cracroft-Eley, Terravesta

16:30 - 17:20 | European Market Developments

Mick Johnson (Chair), Talbotts Biomass Energy Systems Ltd Fiona Mathews, Hawkins Wright Ltd Daniel Reinemann (virtual), Bioenergy Europe Silvio Spiess, Innasol

19:00 - 20:30 - Dinner

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

10:00 - 10:10 | Introduction

Neil Holland, Y Pellets

10:10 - 11:00 | Session 1: Innovation in Biomass Installation

Amy Fielding (Chair), Environmental Compliance Solutions Ltd Charlie Lamb, Windhager Bruce Allen, HETAS Hywel Lloyd

11:00 - 11:20 - Refreshment Break

11:20 - 12:10 | Session 2: Biomass Installation Spotlight - Biomass Heat at its Best

Terence McCracken (Chair), Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum Bruno Berardelli, AMP Clean Energy

Melissa Rowell, Reheat Ltd Amy Fielding, Environmental Compliance Solutions Ltd

12:10 - 12:55 | Session 3: Addressing Public Perceptions of Biomass

Mark Sommerfeld (Chair), REA Neil Holland, Y Pellets Patricia Thornley, EBRI Ian Baker, Small Woods

12:55 - 13:00 | Closing Remarks

Terence McCracken, Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum

13:00 - 14:15 - Lunch



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