

International Symposium on Renewable Feedstock for Biofuel and Bio-based Products

- *The roles of fiber crops: kenaf, jute, hemp, flax, and allied*

August 11-13, 2010, Austin, Texas, USA

The Symposium is the 3rd in a series to bring together researchers, producers, end users, business developers, investors, and policy makers from around the world to explore the values of non-food fiber crops in contributing a better environment and the bioeconomy. Symposium will cover the following topics:



- Applications of plant fibers in textile, paper pulp, biofuel, bio-plastic, automobile, construction, packaging, animal feed and environmental cleaning, etc.
- New technologies for converting bast fibers into value-added products, such as processing techniques, pretreatments for fiber extraction, evaluation tools for fiber quality, and improved production technologies
- Production and supply of feedstock for biofuels and bio-based products, including cultivation practice, harvesting and processing, mechanization, storage, new variety, and biotechnology
- Marketing, supply chain, and quality control of fibers
- Networking with producers, end users, experts, business developers, investors, governmental officials, and international agencies from around the world
- Exploring investment opportunities, international collaborations, and new project development.
- Promoting environmentally friendly products and policy and improve regional economy through poverty alleviation
- Exhibit of products and services

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Symposium accepts abstracts on R&D, technological innovation, business strategy and plan, policy, marketing proposal, new project development, etc., focusing on kenaf, jute, hemp, flax, ramie, and other non-wood fibers. Subjects on other feedstock like switch grass, willow, crop residues, and wood chips are also welcome. Examples of subjects:

- New and existing value-added applications of bast fibers in various industries
- Enzymes and processing techniques for converting cellulose into biofuel
- Current production and market of non-food fiber crops
- Production, processing, supply, storage, transportation, of non-food fiber feedstock
- Business plan and funding opportunities
- Sustainability and low carbon, etc.

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Non-food fiber crops like, kenaf, jute, hemp, flax, ramie, have high biomass productivity, high cellulose contents, and comparable fiber quality. Kenaf, can produce 20-25 ton/ha biomass in 4-5 month time with ~70% cellulose contents. With wide ecological adaptability, kenaf does not compete for lands with food crops. Bast fibers are used to produce thermoplastics, composites, paper, absorbents, and textiles, etc. High cellulosic contents and biomass productivity make it feasible to become feedstock for bioenergy production. Kenaf requires less agricultural inputs and assimilates more CO₂ than other crops. Cultivation of kenaf conserves the environments and soil fertility.

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Before July 1, 2010

One-page Abstract:
April 30, 2010

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