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Only one established event on bio-based economy was neither cancelled nor postponed: The “13th International Conference on Bio-based Materials” will be held ONLINE this year on 12–14 May 2020 – final programme available online

44 speakers from leading companies have confirmed their presentations. Topics of the online conference are circular economy, renewable carbon, chemical recycling and latest investments in biorefineries. Information on technologies, markets and policy will be provided for bio-based building blocks and polymers. One special focus is on lignin utilisation, another on fine chemicals for pharma, cosmetics, body care & specialities.

The always highly anticipated innovation award “Bio-based Material of the Year” will be elected online by the participants. Six promising candidates out of 17 applications have been nominated by the advisory board. (www.nova-institute.eu/press/?id=187)

Due to the Corona crisis, this year's conference will unfortunately not be able to take place in its established and appreciated format. But in such uncertain times, the need for exchange and cooperation within the bio-based economy is even higher than usual. Politicians and companies alike demand a greener economy after the crisis. But what are the best ways to make the chemical and plastic industry more sustainable? What role can and will the bio-based economy play in the future?

The “International Conference on Bio-based Materials” has established itself as one of the most important expert meetings in Europe on the topic of bio-based building blocks and polymers. Given the great need for exchange, we considered it not an option to cancel or postpone the conference. Therefore, nova-Institut has decided to host the conference online this year, after excellent experiences with the online version of the “Conference on Carbon Dioxide as Feedstock for Fuels, Chemistry and Polymers” end of March. The reactions of the participants and speakers were overwhelmingly positive and everyone was delighted at the opportunity for exchange.

nova-Institut is convinced that the “13th International Conference on Bio-based Materials” will be an equally successful online event. The final programme is now online at www.bio-based-conference.com/programme

The ticket for the three-day event will be available for just 395 €. Early registration is recommended as the number of online participants is limited to 500.

You can find all information on the final programme, participants and registration here: www.bio-based-conference.com

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