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Francisco Aguilar is an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri's Department of Forestry. His research in the area of renewable energy includes the analysis of economic feasibility of harvesting woody feedstock materials, private landowners' willingness to supply biomass, investors' preferences for renewable energies, and the effect of public policies affecting the use of wood-based energy. Francisco is a former British Council Scholar and has received awards from the Earth Island Institute, World Resources Institute, and Resources for the Future. His research has appeared on Biomass & Bioenergy, Energy Economics, Energy Policy, Forest Policy and Economics, Journal of Forestry, Wood and Fiber Science, Forest Products Journal, among others.



Ladislauš DÖRY

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Ladislauš Döry is President of the European Panel Federation, a position he occupies since 2004. In this role, he represents the panels industry with representatives of the European Commission and Parliament. He has several years of experience in the sector, as managing director and board member in the Austrian panels industry and as spokesperson for the woodworking industry. Ladislauš holds a degree in Business Administration from Georgetown University.



Bernard De GALEMBERT

Director Forest, Research and Social Affairs
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Born in 1966, Bernard de Galembert holds a Degree in Economics, with a specialisation in European Affairs. From 1991 to 1994, he worked as Chief Economic Adviser to the Confederation of European Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS). He authored two books on subsidies and programmes in favour of companies in the EU. From 1994 to 1996, he joined the European Farmers' Union (COPA-COGECA) where, amongst other things, he was in charge of setting up and managing the Working Group on Forestry. In 1996, he was the Adviser to the President of the French Landowners' Federation (FNPA). In the same year, Bernard became Director General of a monthly trade magazine. He was later appointed Chief Policy Adviser of the European Landowners' Organisation (ELO) in 1997. He joined CEPI as Forest Director in 2002. His competencies cover international and European policies related to forestry, wood supply for the European paper industry, certification of sustainable forest management, illegal logging, renewable energy sources, climate change and biodiversity.



Christiane EGGER

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Christiane Egger is Deputy Manager of the O.Ö. Energiesparverband, the energy agency of Upper Austria, and the manager of the Ökoenergie-Cluster, a network of 160 companies active in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Christiane is also the Vice-President of FEDARENE, the European network of regional energy and environment agencies. She is the conference director of the World Sustainable Energy Days, one of the largest annual conferences in Europe on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. Christiane is an expert in energy efficiency in buildings, in solar and biomass heating and in dissemination and promotion of sustainable energy production and use. She holds a law degree and a post-graduate degree in environmental engineering.



Paul GROES*Senior Account Manager Derivatives*

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Paul Groes has been working in energy markets since 2003 for both utilities and the exchange. He was previously active in semiconductor markets. Paul joined APX-ENDEX in 2009, where his main activities include marketing & sales as well as product development. He is jointly responsible within APX-ENDEX for the development and introduction of exchange trading in wood pellet contracts: the world's first biomass exchange.



Anssi KAINULAINEN*Specialist*

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Anssi Kainulainen is responsible for forest-bioenergy, forest- planning and management, remote sensing, timber procurement, timber measuring and wood market analyses at the Finnish forest owners union. He also holds the post of Secretary to the board of Finnish forest owners. Anssi is involved in several legislative processes including the Finnish National renewable Energy Action Plan, the Forest insect and fungi damage prevention act, the Timber measurement act, the National strategy for bogs and peatlands. He is also working on the design of criteria for bioenergy in Finnish PEFC-certification. Anssi is a graduate in forestry from the University of Joensuu, Finland.



Edgar KASTENHOLZ*Secretary General*

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Edgar Kastenzholz graduated in 1990 with a Diploma in Forestry from the University of Freiburg. In the following five years he specialised in the field of forestry work science, and he was awarded the title of Dr. rer. nat. in 1996 by the Faculty of Forestry in Freiburg. As a consultant and freelance researcher Edgar was involved in various projects on occupational safety, work organisation and enterprise development in forest operations. Since 2000 he works for the European Network of Forest Entrepreneurs (ENFE) occupying the position of the Secretary General.



Nicolas MAINVILLE*Forest Campaigner*

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Nicolas Mainville is a biologist with a Master's degree in Environmental sciences from the Université du Québec à Montréal. He specialises in conservation biology, forest bioenergy, improvement of forestry practices in the boreal and indigenous rights across Canada. Nicolas has been working as a forest campaigner with Greenpeace Canada for 3 years. From 2005 to 2009, Nicolas was Director of conservation for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society based in Montreal. From 1998 to 2009, he conducted research on the impacts of deforestation and oil extraction in the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon. His multidisciplinary academic education and his involvement in numerous environmental organizations have helped him gain a holistic perspective of environmental issues. He is dedicated to building bridges between science, public involvement and policies. Nicolas is the author of many peer-reviewed publications and leading author of Greenpeace Canada's recent report "*Fuelling a BioMess: Why Burning Trees for Energy will Harm People, the Climate and Forests*". Nicolas is father of two boys and lives in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



Krzysztof OLENDRZYNSKI*Environmental Affairs Officer*

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Krzysztof Olendrzynski is an applied mathematician and atmospheric physicist with a Master's degree from Warsaw Technical University. He specializes in air pollution and climate change issues. He has been working in Austria, Norway and Poland as a scientist focusing on air pollutant and greenhouse gases emission inventories and atmospheric and climate modelling. Krzysztof is an author and co-author of more 50 peer-reviewed publications as well as a number of policy related documents. He joined UN ECE in 2010 and works in the secretariat of the Air Pollution Convention (LRTAP). Within the secretariat he is responsible for scientific, technical and financial issues.



Christian RAKOS*President*

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Christian Rakos, born 1959, studied Physics, Philosophy and History. After several years at the Institute of Technology Assessment at the Austrian Academy of Sciences he joined the Austrian Energy Agency in 1998 where he was responsible for renewable energies with a special focus on bioenergy. From 2004 to 2005 he worked at the Irish Renewable Energy Information Office. Since 2005 he is managing director of the Austrian Pellet Industry Association “proPellets Austria”. In 2010 he was elected President of the European Pellet Council.

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Yves Ryckmans graduated from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, and conducted a PhD study at the same university on modeling heat transfer in furnaces. In 1989, he joined Laborelec Research Centre of Electrabel as a research engineer in the field of nuclear energy. From 1996 on, he initiated the development of fixed bed gasification and CFB gasification of wood through several Belgian and European projects. In 1999 he became Head of the Biomass Competence Centre of Electrabel at Laborelec. This competence centre covers more than 15 years of working on technical issues like co-firing biomass in pulverized coal power plants, biomass gasification, biomass fuel quality, biogas applications and biomass sustainability verification. Currently, Yves is Chief Technology Officer Biomass at Laborelec where he is managing research and services for bio-energy applications within GDF SUEZ Group.
