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The DIBANET research consortium presented "Diesel fuels from wastes, residues and non-food crops of Latin America & Europe" at the DIBANET Networking Day that was held on December 13th 2010 at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Networking day brought together key players in scientific communities and industry to discuss how Europe and Latin America can work together to produce diesel fuels sustainably and cheaply.

Presentations were made and discussions took place on new methods for the sustainable production of diesel fuels from wastes and residues. Speakers included DIBANET partners from Europe and Latin America.

Topics covered included:

- Latin American and European feedstocks for diesel fuel production
- Technologies for sustainable diesel fuel production and their products
- Catalysis in diesel fuel production
- Newly developed analytical techniques for online feedstock characterisation

The original plan was that the first international Networking day will take place in Limerick and one follow up brokerage event will be organised in Rio de Janeiro. The locations of the event have been changed and the first Networking day was organised in Rio de Janeiro in December 2010. The event consists of presentations of the project activities and available results as well as a poster session to demonstrate the project activities. 64 participants attended the event from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ireland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain and UK. Mr. Chet Culver, the Governor of Iowa, USA also attended the event as well as the poster session. The presentations of the event are available at the project website.





An overview of the programme with the presentations is available below:

- **[Introduction to the Biorefinery concept](#)**
Mr. Daniel Hayes, University of Limerick, Ireland
- **[Introduction to the DIBANET concept](#)**
Prof. Michael H. B. Hayes, University of Limerick, Ireland
- **[Future importance of residual biomass in the energy matrix](#)**
Mr. Sergio Fabián Sein, YPF, Argentina
- **[European feedstocks](#)**
Mr. Daniel Hayes, University of Limerick, Ireland
- **[Latin America feedstocks](#)**
Ms. Magale Rambo, University of Campinas, Brazil
- **[Sugercane bagasse & trash as feedstock for biofuels](#)**
Mr. Aparecido Alves, Centre of Sugarcane Technology, Brazil
- **[Sustainability considerations for biofuel feedstocks](#)**
Ms. Ana Maria Ruz, Fundación Chile, Chile
- **Biofuels and biomass in the Midwest**
Mr. Chet Culver, Governor of Iowa, USA

Chet Culver, Governor of Iowa and representative of the Governors Biofuel Coalition in the United States, presented at the DIBANET Networking Day, where he outlined Iowa's activities in the renewable energy sector. Petrobras, the fourth largest energy company in the world, also attended and were keen to learn about technologies being developed by DIBANET.

The Networking day was combined with a Poster session to present the current DIBANET achievements. You can find further photos from the event and from the poster session in the Gallery of the DIBANET website: <http://www.dibanet.org/gallery4.php>

Website: http://www.dibanet.org/networking_day.php