

# WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting Specialty Conference Subcommittee

# **RBC 2012 SPECIALTY CONFERENCE**

Raleigh Convention Center Raleigh, NC Tuesday, March 27, 2012 12:30 - 2:00 pm RCC - Room 306A

Greg Woodward, *Chair* Jeff LeBlanc, *Vice-Chair* 

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction & Welcome Jeff LeBlanc
- 2. Review of Minutes from 2011 WEFTEC Jeff LeBlanc
- 3. Review of 2012 RBC Specialty Conference Richard Tsang/Laura Herman
  - March 25-28, 2012
- 4. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process Jeff LeBlanc

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- Nashville, TN May 6-8, 2013
  - o Chairs: Bob O'Dette, Doug Yarosz
  - o Call for Abstracts: Raleigh Specialty Conference late March 2012
  - Deadline for Abstract/Workshop Submittals: August 1, 2012
- Austin, TX
  2014
  Lynne Moss
- Virginia Beach, VA 2015 Todd / Williams / Rhonda Bowen
- West Coast Location 2016

### Other Future Considerations

- St. Louis, MO
- Milwaukee, WI
- Louisville, KY
- 5. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report /T. Williams

# 6. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee – Jeff LeBlanc

The program committee includes:

- Research and Development Sudhir Murthy; Jim Smith
- Hot Topics Tim Shea, Bill Toffey, Mike Scharp
- Regional Issues Chair's Selection
- Thermal Process (potential two sessions) Jim Welp, Ben Wester, Bob Williamson
- Marketing of Biosolids Products Bob Pepperman, John Donovan, Jeff LeBlanc
- Biosolids Case Studies Stories Dick Christy, Lita Laven, Lori Stone, Todd Williams, John Hoff, Dave Brewer
- Stabilization Technologies and Digestion (two sessions) K. Richard Tsang, Dave Oerke, Michele Hetherington, Dick Schlemmer, John Willis
- Management & Economic Competitiveness Lynne Moss
- Politics and Public Acceptance Steve Frank
- Land Application Systems Steve Wilson, Mike Scharp, David Quarles
- Odor Control & Pathogens Issues Matt Higgins, Bob Reimers
- International Bob Forbes, Bob Reimers
- Manufacturers Forum Paul Christy
- Regulatory Issues Bob Bastian
- Thickening and Dewatering Technologies Bob Gillette, Todd Warrix, Jim Medlock
- Facility Tours Chair
- Social Events Dick Christy, Mark Lang
- Ag Residuals / Industrial Kari Fitzmorris, Matt Higgins
- Sustainability / Renewable Technologies / EMS Bill Toffey, John Willis, Greg Woodward, Sam Hadeed, Mike Moore
- Microconstituents Todd Williams, Steve Wilson, Scott Carr, George O'Connor
- Opening General Session Chair
- 7. Review of YP Involvement Jeff LeBlanc
- 8. RBC Co-sponsorship Update Jeff LeBlanc

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U.S. Composting Council	Stu Buckner	Todd Williams

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- 9. Other Old Business Jeff LeBlanc
- 10. New Business Jeff LeBlanc
- 11. Schedule of Next Meeting RBC 2012 WEFTEC New Orleans, LA Sept. 29-Oct. 3,
- 12. Adjourn



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- 1. Introduction & Welcome Jeff LeBlanc
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- 3. Review of 2012 RBC Specialty Conference Richard Tsang/Laura Herman
  - Congratulations to Richard Tsang and the Raleigh team for organizing a very successful conference with record attendance numbers as stated below:

Description	Total	'12 Budget
FULL CONFERENCE	380	265
ONE DAY MONDAY	33	
ONE DAY TUESDAY	32	
ONE DAY TOTAL	65	30
STUDENT	16	
SPECIAL RATE	19	25
EXPO ONLY	114	30
EXHIBITORS COMP	188	
EXHIBITORS PAID	58	49
HALF DAY	1	
SESSION ONLY	13	
WORKSHOP ONLY	10	

PRESS		0
ROOM MONITOR		13
STAFF		17
	TOTAL	894

WORKSHOP				
		Attendees	Speaker	Total
WA	The Business of Turning Biosolids in Energy and Fertilizer	115	9	124
WB	Value-Added Green Products Originating from Municipal and Manure Biosolids – The Direction of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	25	10	35
WC	*Off Site Workshop* - Why Develop a Nutrient Management Plan – Emerging Issues in Nutrient Management Programs for Class A and Class B Biosolids	19	5	24

- In addition, the Pig Roast and the Tours were sold out
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- Nashville, TN May 5-8, 2013
  - Chairs: Bob O'Dette, Doug Yarosz (attended Raleigh). Both Bob and Doug have been meeting regularly planning for the conference.
  - Doug discussed they are identifying a theme for the conference and stated a few different options for consideration. Sam Hadeed mentioned the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of EPA 503's.
  - Call for Abstracts: Raleigh Specialty Conference –By early April 2012
  - Deadline for Abstract/Workshop Submittals: August 1, 2012
  - This will be a Co-Conference with WEF Energy/Water. Energy/Water will run May 6-9 and is chaired by John Willis. Both conferences will run independently with separate OGS, Workshops and Sessions. Exhibit space will be shared and may be for 3 days. There will be some combined sessions on Tuesday/Wednesday with a common theme. The intent is to have a person attend both conferences at the same cost. WEF staff is still defining logistics.
  - The Host Hotel is the Renaissance Hotel and we will have the entire Nashville Convention Center.
  - A potential tour of the Metro Nashville Dryer Facility has been identified.
  - The Wastewater Challenge is in the plans for Nashville.

- A Saturday afternoon golf tournament is also in the works Todd Williams recommended that we keep this event but do it in the afternoon.
- Austin, TX 2014 Lynne Moss
  - WEF Received a Letter of Interest from the Texas MA and is "ready to roll";
  - WEF is soliciting RFP's in Austin and San Antonio as part of their process.

•	Virginia Beach, VA	2015	Todd / Williams / Rhonda Bowen
•	Salt Lake City, UT	2016	Strongly recommended by Committee
•	Louisville, KY	2017	

# Other Future Considerations

- St. Louis, MO
- Milwaukee, WI Need to give stronger consideration as MA would like to have it soon. Committee recommended having it on the alternate date of WEFTEC-Chicago in order to eliminate any conflicts.
- New England area Boston/Providence/Hartford
- WEFTEC Program Committee Residuals & Biosolids Symposium Mike Moore/T. Williams
  - New topic title as recommended by Todd Williams
- 6. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee Jeff LeBlanc
  - It was recommended by the Committee to send out e-mails to the people identified and to gauge interest on continuing in order to get a better response on review of abstracts.

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- It was recommended that the respective professor be present for their student presentation. At the Raleigh conference, there were a few instances of this not occurring and it caused a few minor issues.
- Room monitors more are needed for Workshops.
- Discussion of Wastewater Challenge for 2013 Nashville. Michelle Hatcher from the Tennessee MA has been identified as the lead MA contact.
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  - Committee asked for status of AWWA/WEF relationship for the conference?
  - It was recommended to contact Laura Herman if there are an exceptional papers presented in Raleigh
- 10. New Business Jeff LeBlanc
  - There was an active discussion on the quality of abstracts presented at the RBC and Raleigh as being lower compared to other WEF conferences. There is a high level of acceptance compared to other conferences and it is most likely because the RBC has 20 sessions plus workshops. The Committee discussed how it sees quite a few abstracts at different conferences.
    - Although there was no resolve to this issue, future meetings should consist of increasing the quality of the program and what steps we can take to make this happen.
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