



Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

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Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear members of IBU,

Did you know that IBU EPDs were even present at the FIFA World Cup in Brazil? Construction products issued with an IBU EPD were used to build the façade of the stadium in Recife, clearly visible for everyone.

The World Cup has brought about quite some excitement and here at our head office in Berlin we also had an eventful time. In this current Newsletter we would like share some of these events with you.

As announced in our last Newsletter we will give you details on our Annual General Meeting and our visit to the trade fair Consense 2014 in Stuttgart we attended as an exhibitor at the beginning of July. Furthermore, there is news about our international cooperation with different EPD Programme operators with whom we are paving the way for IBU members to facilitate doing business abroad. But that's not all:

Not long ago IBU introduced its new Key Visuals and Slogan to the public, as members of the general meeting and visitors of the Consense have already known. In this Newsletter we will put you in the picture on those events and introduce our brand new IBU brochure to you.

I am hoping for an exciting final match and a wonderful summer for all of us.

Yours sincerely

Dr.-Ing. Burkhardt Lehmann



IBU News

Review Trade Fair Consense



On 1 and 2 of July IBU attended the Consense – International Trade Fair and Congress for Sustainable Building, Investment, Operation and Maintenance, – in Stuttgart as an exhibitor. Even though the number of visitors did not reach the record of 2012, IBU’s Managing Director Dr. Burkhard Lehmann is pleased when looking back at the two-day stay at the trade fair...[more](#)

IBU’s Annual Report 2013



On 17 June 2014 IBU’s Annual General Meeting was held in Berlin and IBU presented its annual report 2013, officially concluding the financial year. The review for the year 2013 was a positive one as was the development of the association...[more](#)

Resolutions of IBU's Annual General Meeting 2014



Following the introduction of the Annual Report 2013 by Dr. Lehmann, the auditors presented their report and the Board of Directors and Management were approved by the members of the General Meeting. Another item on the agenda of the General Meeting 2014 was the amendment and approval of the Association Statutes and Fee Regulations... [more](#)

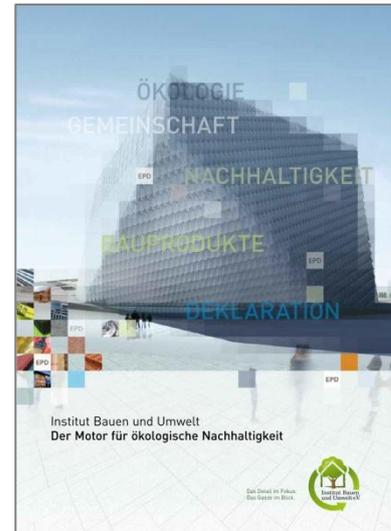
Frame Programme of the Annual General Meeting



In the morning of 17 June 2014, before the actual General Meeting took place, IBU had prepared a comprehensive frame programme for its members including various presentations on sustainable construction and EPDs... [more](#)

Publication of new IBU-Brochure

At the Annual General Meeting IBU's new brochure was presented. Over the course of 16 pages, it contains information on the main work of the association and the IBU EPD programme and explains the process of creating an EPD along with the benefits of IBU membership. The new brochure is available in print as well as in digital format, both in German and English and especially offers potential new customers and other people interested in the programme fundamental information about IBU. On request print copies will be sent out.



IBU presents new Key Visuals

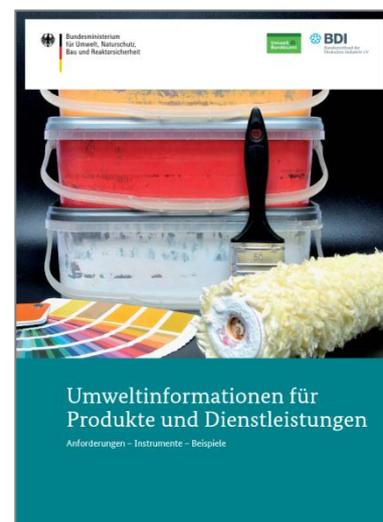


In the course of presenting the new IBU brochure, in June IBU presented its new Key Visual Concept for use in all public presentations. From now on the Key Visuals will be used in advertisements, brochures, presentations and trade fair stand designs of IBU. This will ensure steady, sustainable recognition of IBU trade marks...**more**

Shortly, IBU will provide various materials for trade fair stands for its members that will capture the new visual guideline for them to communicate their membership to the public.

BMUB-BDI-UBA-Brochure: Environmental Information on Products and Services

Not only did IBU work on its own brochure, but it also assisted in creating a new edition of a brochure called "Environmental Information on Products and Services". The cooperating partners publishing the brochure were the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety", BUMB, Federation of German Industries (BDI) and The Federal Environment Agency (UBA). IBU's task was to update the chapter on Type III Environmental Declarations according to ISO 14025, including a description of previous experience with this instrument in construction.



Mutual Recognition with EPD Norge signed



From now on IBU members owning EPDs verified by IBU can have their EPDs recognised in Norway by the Programme operator “The Norwegian EPD Foundation (EPD-Norge)” without having to undergo a further, comprehensive verification process...[more](#) (Photo: Anne Birgitte Hjelseth, NHO).

First IBU EPDs are recognised on the North American Market



At this year’s General Meeting three IBU member companies were especially pleased because, for the first time ever, they were awarded the recognition of the American Programme operator UL-Environment for their already created IBU EPDs...[more](#)

New EPDs for members of IBU

IGP Pulvertechnik AG - First EPDs for organic-based PowderCoatings awarded

Thomas Roll from IGP Pulvertechnik AG, Switzerland (powder coating systems) was really pleased, when the first EPDs for organic-based PowderCoatings were officially handed over to him by IBU's Managing Director. "We are the first powder coating manufacturer who has received a verified Environmental Product Declaration according to European standards. This has not been an easy undertaking since there have been so many various ingredients and colours involved", explains IGP's Head of Marketing. Thus, he was very happy to receive two verified EPDs and added: "The outcome will be an incentive to assess the environmental impact of further product groups".



Bundesverband der Gipsindustrie - IBU publishes EPDs for gypsum products

A real "warm EPD shower" came down on the Bundesverband der Gipsindustrie (Federal German Gypsum Association). Dr. Hans-Jörg Kersten, Head of the Environment Department of the Federal German Gypsum Association was awarded an IBU verified EPD for gypsum-lime plaster at the General Meeting. A few days later, at the Consense 2014, IBU's Managing Director Dr. Burkhardt Lehmann then officially handed over eight more EPDs for gypsum plasterboard products to the Gypsum Association. In 2013 the Gypsum Association already created the first IBU Environment System Declarations for metal stud walls installations with gypsum plasterboards/ fibre reinforced plasterboards and for non-load-bearing partition walls from gypsum blocks and has been working on updating the existing EPDs and adapting them to EN 15804.



Sika Deutschland GmbH - Environmental Product Declarations for Sarnafil Roofing Membranes

In the beginning of July the Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU) handed over new Environmental Product Declarations for roofing membranes to Sika Deutschland GmbH. The trade fair Consense, International Trade Fair and Congress for Sustainable Building, Investment, Operations and Maintenance in Stuttgart, Germany, was chosen as an appropriate setting for the handing over of the verified EPDs to Sika...[more](#)



Announcements

Workshop: Create Added value with EPDs in communication

Once again the IBU will offer a workshop to the communication of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for its members in 2014. The one-day event is planned for 23rd of October 2014 and will take place in Frankfurt/Main. Detailed information will follow soon.



IBU on BAU 2015

IBU, as a leading initiative of construction product manufacturers, again has its own stand on BAU 2015, informing about the role of construction products in sustainable building.



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Use the possibility to present your products with new EPDs and work now on the creation of the EPDs. In order to receive new published EPDs at the BAU 2015 it is necessary to submit it for verification until October 2014

Three key issues are “Intelligent Urbanization“, “Humans and Buildings“ and “Energy- and Resource Efficiency“ and from 19th to 24th January 2015 around 2,000 exhibitors from all over the world are presenting architecture, materials and systems at the fair premises in Munich.