



# Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

## April 2015

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear IBU-members,

I am sending you my regards from Berlin, where spring has finally arrived, and I would like to invite you to read our latest newsletter. The past few weeks have seen a number of events and innovations here at IBU. The recently agreed on mutual recognition with the Spanish programme operator AENOR and its EPD programme Global EPD has been one of our highlights. Furthermore, there is news regarding the “ecobuild” in London, our first training unit together with DGNB and also our annual meeting of our verifiers.



On 11 June 2015 our annual IBU member meeting will take place in Berlin and I would especially like to point out that all our members are very welcome to join. As in the previous years, an interesting framework programme has been arranged for; many expert guest speakers will hold their presentations on the latest developments in sustainable construction. In the next couple of days you will receive our official invitation by mail.

The IBU office team is looking forward to meeting many of you and/or your colleagues in June here in Berlin.

Yours Dr.-Ing. Burkhardt Lehmann



## IBU News

### New Mutual Recognition allows to place of EPDs from IBU on the Spanish Market

Mutual Recognition with the Spanish programme operator AENOR and its EPD programme Global EPD...[more](#)



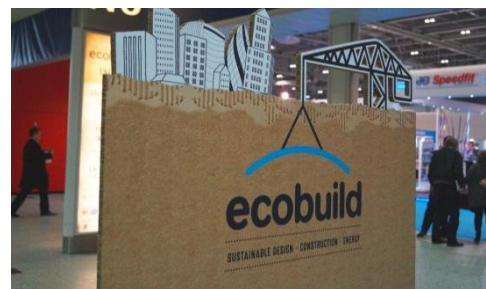
### Annual meeting of IBU verifiers

On 12 February 2015 IBU invited all verifiers of the Independent Expert Committee to attend the annual meeting in Berlin. During this one-day-meeting current issues and problems of the EPD verifying procedure were discussed, as well as the question of how to ensure a standardized verification process...[more](#)



### IBU visits Ecobuild 2015

From 3 to 5 March 2015, Ecobuild, the annual fair for sustainable design, construction and energy for new build, refurb, commercial and domestic buildings, took place in London...[more](#)



### Review on Webinar: Introduction for IBU-ÖKOBAUDAT-Interface

During a webinar that was held on 5 March, IBU provided information about the interface linking the database system epd-online.com of IBU and ÖKOBAUDAT of BBSR...[more](#)



## DGNB and IBU successfully launched their joined training programme



IBU (Institut Bauen und Umwelt) and DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council) agreed on a cooperation, which started in the beginning of 2015. The mutual aim is to firmly establish the knowledge of all persons interested in Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), and to further highlight the importance of construction products for sustainable construction.

The first, of altogether six, trainings to become a “DGNB Consultant for construction products and the execution of construction work”, took place on 25 and 26 February in Berlin...[more](#)

## New PCR Part B for laboratory work tops and pre-formed fire protection systems for cable and duct insulation

The spectrum of product groups for which EPDs can be made at IBU is extended again by publishing two new PCR Part B documents. After approval by the Advisory Board (SVR) it is now possible for manufacturers to create, verify and publish EPDs for laboratory work tops as well as in the category pre-formed fire protection systems for cable and duct insulation at IBU.



The documents can be found as all other PCR documents Part B in recent version via the IBU database system <https://epd-online.com>.



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# New members

## IBU welcomes Schöck Bauteile as a new member



At the beginning of the year 2015 Institut Bauen und Umwelt welcomed a new enterprise, Schöck Bauteile GmbH, from the prefabricated components sector...[more](#)

## Other new members at IBU

Since the beginning of the year 2015 Institut Bauen the following companies and associations have also become members of IBU, which IBU sends a warm welcome:

- **EGNATON** Europäische Gesellschaft für Nachhaltige Labortechnologien e.V.
- Matel Hammadde SAN. VE TIC .A.S **SEREL** SANITARY FACTORY
- **Ege Profil** Tic. ve San. A.S.
- European Federation of Concrete Admixtures (**EFCA**)
- **VALFSEL** ARMATÜR SANAYI A. Ş.
- **Chemofast** Anchoring GmbH
- **Mahaphant** Fibre-Cement Public Company Limited
- **FEICA** aisbl- Association of the European Adhesive & Sealant Industry



# Announcements

## Save the day: General Meeting 2015



Save the day - our next annual General Meeting of members will take place on 11th June 2015 in Berlin.

Please diarise this date already.

Venue this year will be the Radisson Blu, Karl-Liebnecht-Straße 3, 10178 Berlin.

For the supporting programme in the morning, the following presentations are confirmed:

- Die ÖKOBAUDAT und ihre Infrastruktur – Das aktuelle BNB-Programm umgesetzt am Projekt ...  
(Dr. Tanja Brockmann & Nicolas Kerz, BBSR)
- Ressourceneffizienz im Bauwesen aus nationaler und europäischer Sicht  
(Dietmar Menzer, BMUB)
- Recent developments concerning EPDs in North America  
(Anna Nicholson, UL Environment)
- Gütezeichen - Nutzen oder Nachteil?  
(Michael Halstenberg, HFK Rechtsanwälte)

For the supporting programme interested non-members are also invited!

For room reservations in addition the Radisson Blu (for booking please refer to the code "IBU") we recommend:

- the Ramada Hotel, Karl-Liebnecht-Straße 32, 10178 Berlin (booking with the code "VPRNAT" ("Verbänderate")),
- the Park Inn, Alexanderplatz 7, 10178 Berlin
- or the Motel One, Dircksenstraße 36, 10179 Berlin (with reference to IBU).

## Training programme “DGNB Consultant for construction products and the execution of construction work” in cooperation with IBU



The next DGNB-Consultant trainings in cooperation with IBU will start on:

- 10.-11.06.2015 Bremen
- 15.-16.07.2015 Stuttgart



The three day training is addressed to job starters as well as professionally experienced people...[more](#)

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