



Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

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Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear members of IBU,

For the fifth time this year I am welcoming you to read our newsletter. You will get information on current association issues and on sustainable construction items.

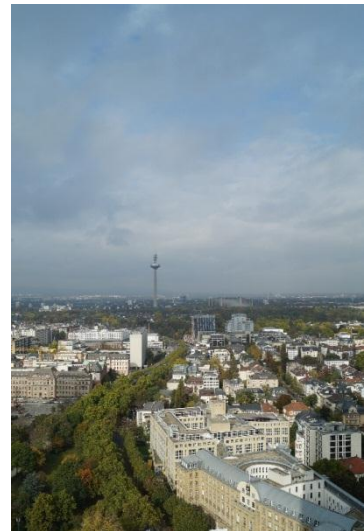
You can expect a full spectrum of national and international topics in this month's edition, as for example, details on the new construction material database ÖKBAUDAT of the BBSR (Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development). At present, IBU is establishing an interface from its own database to the new ÖKOBAUDAT database. More news is concerning the ECO Platform, which only a few days ago has announced the launch of its new EPD trademark and label. Furthermore, in 2014 two more IBU events will take place and everyone interested is very welcome to attend. Additionally, you will find reviews about past events that took place within the last few weeks.

BAU 2015, the world's leading trade fair and congress for architecture, materials and systems, is approaching fast, too, and I have the pleasure to already now invite you to visit us at our IBU stand (B0/207) next year.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Yours sincerely

Dr.-Ing. Burkhardt Lehmann



IBU News

First “ECO-EPDs” awarded

A milestone has been reached regarding mutual cross-border recognition of EPDs in Europe...[more](#)



ÖKOBAUDAT goes online – Ecological building material data provided by IBU



Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) will offer an interface connecting its Environmental Product Declaration's database system to the new ÖKOBAUDAT of BBSR (Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development) as of the end of 2014...[more](#)

At this year's IBU Communication workshop valuable information about EPDs was imparted

On 23rd October 2014 this year's Communication Workshop “Generating added value with EPDs in communication” took place in Frankfurt/Main, and IBU was really pleased with the outcome...[more](#)



IBU Introduces New International Developments at EPD-Congress in Vienna

This year's congress in Vienna took place for the fourth time and focussed on talks, best-practice examples and the awarding of EPDs, being organized by The Austrian Sustainable Building Council (ÖGNI) and PE International. As in the previous years Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) participated successfully in this event...[more](#)



In Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany, some criteria for sustainable construction in structural engineering were developed

The Ministry for Environment, Climate and Energy has created a list of ten essential, main criteria for sustainable construction in municipal structural engineering in connection with the sustainability strategy of the federal state Baden-Wurttemberg...[more](#)

New members

First-time Geogrid Environmental Product Declaration awarded

HUESKER Synthetic GmbH based in Gescher, Germany, is the first manufacturer of geosynthetics who has been awarded an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for its geogrid Fortrac® T by IBU - Institut Bauen und Umwelt...[more](#)



Lattonedil has become a member at IBU

Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) welcomes its new member Lattonedil GmbH from the metal industry...[more](#)



EPD für Sanitärkeramik und Sanitäracryl jetzt im IBU ausgestellt

Das Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU) heißt die Duravit AG willkommen. Das Unternehmen ist Hersteller von Designbädern ...[mehr](#)



Announcements

Workshop: „Environmental Product Declarations for Sustainable Traffic Areas“

The University of Applied Sciences, Institut Bauen und Umwelt and Kiwa GmbH are welcoming you to attend the workshop “Environmental Product Declarations for Sustainable Traffic Areas“ on 27 November 2014 in Münster, Germany.



Picture: Betonverband SLG

If you are a building contractor, urban planner or architect, it is our objective in this one-day seminar to inform you about the latest developments in sustainable construction. We will mainly focus on traffic areas. They are specific in that they occur in public and private areas and continuously play a significant role in the certification of buildings or infrastructures. Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) look at construction products in an ecological way, follow a certification procedure and are therefore gaining importance for civil engineering and road construction products.

Date: 27th November 2014, 10 am -4 pm
Venue: Fachhochschule Münster
Corrensstraße 25
48149 Münster

Charges: 20,00 € cash, payable at the beginning of the workshop (incl. beverages and lunch)

Details of the workshop can be found in the [agenda](#).

Please fill in the [registration form](#) and send it to info@bau-umwelt.com or fax it to 030-30 87 74 829 by 18th November 2014.

„PCR KICK OFF WORKSHOP Heat generators and distribution systems“

In structural engineering Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for construction products already cover a wide range of products and in civil engineering they are increasingly gaining importance. Since Technical Building Services (TBS) account for a considerable part in buildings, IBU was asked to create Product Category Rules (PCRs) as a basis to create EPDs for Technical Building Services so that manufacturers of the TBS sector can equally participate in the EPD programme.



We would like to take the opportunity and welcome you to participate in our first Kick-Off Workshop, where we want to develop a PCR document for heat generators and distribution systems. The workshop takes place on 3rd December 2014 in Berlin and we would like you to tell us about specific features of your sector that should then be taken into consideration in creating a PCR.

Date: 3rd December 2014, 2.00 -5.00 pm
Venue: IDEAL Lebensversicherung a.G.
Kochstraße 26
10969 Berlin

Details of the workshop can be found in the [agenda](#).

Please fill in the [registration form](#) and send it to info@bau-umwelt.com or fax it to 030-30 87 74 829 by 19th November 2014.

Advanced notice: "Introductory Webinar explaining the IBU-ÖKOBAUDAT interface"

At the moment the interface from the IBU database system <https://epd-online.com> to ÖKOBAUDAT of BMUB is in the process of being implemented and will probably be available as of the fourth quarter of 2014.



This interface enables declaration owners to prepare and process their data and with a few clicks submit their data to ÖKOBAUDAT. IBU Head office then forwards the data to BBSR and it is published in ÖKOBAUDAT.

Once the interface will be finished IBU is offering an Introductory Webinar in order to explain to the data base system users, how this interface works. Detailed information on the Webinar will follow in due time by newsletter and on the IBU homepage.

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. Use the possibility to present your products with new EPDs. We would like to welcome you in hall B0, stand 207.

If you would like to make an appointment with us please use the following [link](#) or contact our main office.

Should you need a ticket for BAU 2015 in order to visit us, you can download an online voucher, free of charge. In that case please contact our office (info@bau-umwelt.com).

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.

DGNB Consultant-Training Course in Stuttgart

DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council GmbH) is welcoming you to a DGNB Consultant-Training Course in Stuttgart, Germany on 19th and 20th November 2014, focussing on construction works and construction products.



Further information can be accessed under the following [link](#).