



Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

December 2014

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear IBU-members,

We are looking back on a successful year 2014 and are pleased and confident: 243 new EPDs were published in 2014 and several new members joined us, opting for our programme. We are ready for more to come in 2015. As the rising figures of EPDs and IBU members show, sustainable construction has become even more relevant and is a trend that is increasingly gaining ground. Internationally as well as Europe-wide we have made considerable progress. Various national programme holders joined forces and created the ECO-Platform, a European joint venture. This year its members agreed on the mutual recognition of common quality and verifying standards. For the European standardization of EPDs this has been quite a milestone. In 2014 EPD Norge became our third partner to mutually recognize each other's programmes.



As of the end of this year, there will be an interface connecting the IBU database system to the new ÖKOBAUDAT. From then on, IBU declaration owners are able to transfer their life cycle assessment data straight from the EPD online tool into the ÖKOBAUDAT.

In order to support our members in communicating the content of their EPDs and to make sustainability even better known to the public, we conducted several workshops on different subjects, visited numerous fairs and gave many presentations. In 2015 we will continue to attach great importance to that and promote the value of EPDs to the different target groups. Therefore, we developed a new communication concept in 2014, which we will gradually implement as from the beginning of the next year. As a result IBU and its EPD programme will shift even more into the focus of attention.

I would like to take the opportunity and express my gratitude to all IBU staff here at the Berlin office for their excellent work and to all members of the various IBU committees. We would not have been so successful without everyone's tireless efforts.

The new year will start with our stand at BAU 2015. At two different stands we will direct people's attention to EPDs and current national and international developments.

For now, the IBU team wishes you, your families and beloved ones a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a healthy, lucky and successful Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Dr.-Ing. Burkhard Lehmann



IBU News

Donations instead of Christmas Presents



This year we are supporting the Project “Donations instead of Christmas Presents” by the organization “Ingenieure ohne Grenzen“. IBU donates money for a project in Uganda, supplying locals with clean water. More details can be accessed [here](#).

Successful IBU-Workshop „Environmental Product Declarations for Sustainable Traffic Areas“



On 27th November 2014 IBU, the University of Applied Sciences Münster and Kiwa GmbH welcomed to the workshop “Environmental Product Declarations for Sustainable Traffic Areas“ in Münster, Germany. Speakers from various institutions presented extensive specialized information about the added value of Environmental Product Declarations in civil engineering and road construction to 30 participants from the construction industry and the University of Applied Science. The speakers included Cyrus Schmellekamp from the Federal Highway Research Institute (BAST), Prof. Dr. Frank Heimbecher from the University of Applied Sciences Münster and Stephan Rössig from Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR).

New members

Lindner has become a member at IBU



The new member, Lindner Group, is welcomed by Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU). For more than 45 years the family-owned business has worked in the construction industry, focusing mainly on interior work, façade construction and insulation technology. In Europe they are among the market leaders...[more](#)

DeSH Joined IBU

The German Sawmill and Wood Association (DeSH) joined the Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) and was received cordially. DeSH is creating EPDs for kiln-dried and naturally dried softwood, i.e., sawn and planed timber...[more](#)



Announcements



IBU on BAU 2015: Visit us!

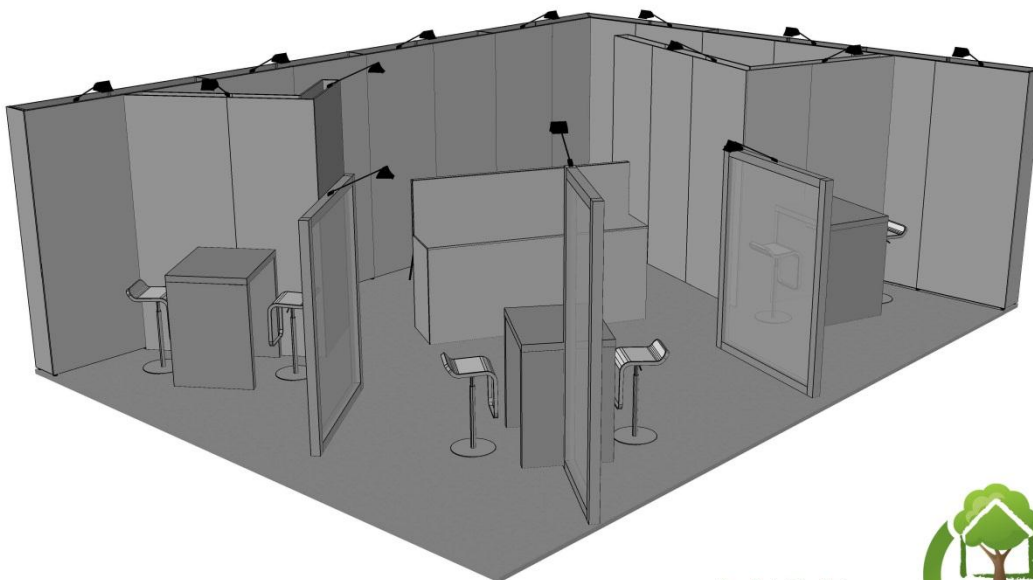
IBU will have its own stand at BAU 2015 from 19th to 24th January and will inform fair visitors about construction products and the importance of sustainable construction.

Please visit us in hall B0, stand 207. Our stand at BAU gives us the opportunity to explain the importance of EPDs and their significance for sustainability to our potential new customers. Furthermore, we will show them how to create their own EPD for construction products.

During a live presentation IBU members will show you how they are transferring their EPD data via the new IBU database interface to the federal construction materials database ÖKOBAUDAT. Auditors, planners and engineers use ÖKOBAUDAT to access information on building assessments. When using the online tool eLCA, life-cycle assessments for entire construction parts and groups can be created by looking at the environmental impact of single construction products. In cooperation with BBSR (Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development) we will show you how to proceed.

If you would like to make an appointment with us please use this [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).



Das Detail im Fokus.
Das Ganze im Blick.



IBU on BAU 2015: IBU presentations on DGNB special show

“Planning Sustainability- Developing Innovation“ is the slogan of a joined project of DGNB and IBU at the fair. Together with the DGNB and other DGNB members we will show you how sustainability concepts can be developed in accordance with architects and sector representatives (C2, stand 311).



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We would especially like to invite you to our 20-minute presentations in hall C2, DGNB stand 311 on the following subjects:

- 21st January 2015, 2 pm: From construction material to a sustainable building with EPDs – Environmental Product Declarations as a basis for the ecological quality in building certification schemes
- 23rd January 2015, 4 pm: EPDs: Current developments in Europe

IBU on BAU 2015: Tour with the DGNB

you can register for two guided tours of DGNB under the slogan “Planning Sustainability - Choosing suitable concepts and products” and learn the most important facts about IBU EPDs.



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Register now for **Tour 1** or **Tour 6**. Participants receive a free day pass for BAU.

- Tour 1: 21st January 2015, 10:30 am - 12:50 pm
- Tour 6: 23rd Januar, 1:30 pm- 3:50 pm

Save the day: General Meeting of Members 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.

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