



Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

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Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear IBU-members,

Quite a few innovations were introduced here at IBU in the past few weeks and we would like to inform you about the latest developments in our Newsletter. One focus laid on the IBU Programme and the EPD process, and secondly, our new IBU “General Programme Instructions“ will be in effect as from 1 November 2015. Moreover, our new Offline EPD Editor has brought about some changes in our EPD online tool.



Additionally, IBU is working intensively on the task to efficiently make the EPDs of its members public and promote its principle of sustainable construction. In order to achieve this, an extensive network is needed, and we managed to add several important players in the past few months. One highlight I would like to mention, is being a partner for the special award “Resource Efficiency“ in the course of the German Sustainability Award 2015, which will be awarded on 27 November in Düsseldorf. We are excited to learn, which of the nominated companies will receive the award.

We hope, you will enjoy reading about these topics and also some further subjects and announcements in our latest issue of the newsletter.

Yours Dr.-Ing. Burkhardt Lehmann



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Becoming visible – thinking outside the box – using synergies: IBU has become a member at B.A.U.M.

When being involved in sustainable construction, the expressions Environmental Product Declarations /EPDs and Life Cycle Based Approach, both regarding the environmental impacts of products, have long become recognized industry standards and well-known terms in the construction industry in Germany, Europe and worldwide. Having become a member at B.A.U.M (German Environmental Management Association) provides IBU with the chance to expand its networking system across industry sectors, get new views and ideas, as well as actively participate in projects of B.A.U.M....[more](#)



For 10 Years IBU has issued EPDs: Competence and Experience for Sustainable Construction

Until today, IBU has published Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), which contain independently verified information on the environmental impact of construction products. More than 1,000 EPDs have been published so far, 100 different construction product groups, each having with their own Product Category Rules. Recently these documents have been published in the publicly accessible database of the Federal government. We are taking this as an opportunity to look back and to look ahead...[more](#)

LCA Practitioners and CEN Experts discussed at the IBU EPD Methodology Workshop

"I had long wanted to attend such a workshop organized by IBU, in order to get answers to all my question about EPD projects. Great, that it is finally taking place!" At the methodology workshop for life cycle assessment practitioners in September, Dr. Burkhardt Lehmann, Managing Director at IBU, and his team members Anita Kietzmann and Stefan Zwerenz kept hearing such statements...[more](#)



Sustainable Building Certification in Europa by LEED and EPDs

IBU has become a member at the German Green Building Association and supports technical event in Berlin...[more](#)



New: General Programme Instructions of IBU

On 01 November 2015, the "General Programme Instructions" of the Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. will go into effect as the standard document for the creation of EPDs, replacing the previous "General Principles" ...[more](#)



Current Advisory Board (SVR) decisions

One decision was adopted by the IBU Advisory Board at its meeting on 08 October 2015:

- Decision-No. 20151008-e: Harmonization of requirements for Association EPDs

The SVR decisions are accessible [here](#).



IBU webinar: EPD Offline tool now as video available



for improving the usability of the EPD Online system IBU created a new tool for editing EPDs offline - the "IBU lightning Editor"...[more](#)

IBU Website includes a new publicly accessible EPD list

A direct link to the EPD online system provides a search and filtering function for all EPDs...[more](#)

EPD-Übersicht

Vorschau	Produkt	Hersteller	Hauptkategorie	Kategorie	FCR	Sprache
	Produktname	Herstellername	02 Bauprodukte	Produkte aus Baustoff	Volleprodukte	Alle
	Light Gauge Steel Profiles	Akkon Steel Structure Systems Co	02 Bauprodukte	Metallbauprodukt und Zubehör	Bauteile	Alle

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A further 30 EPDs of IBU were published in ÖKOBAUDAT

Recently, about 160 EPDs from the IBU data base system have been published in ÖKOBAUDAT via a newly created interface and now a further 30 EPDs verified by IBU were published there...[more](#)



PR offers for members of IBU

Due to current partnerships and cooperation IBU can offer several possibilities for participation for our members (in Germany)...[more](#)

IBU presents European Model EPDs for adhesive and sealant materials to FEICA

On 15 October 2015, FEICA, the Association of the European Adhesive & Sealant Industry, was presented with five European Model EPDs (EPD: Environmental Product Declaration) from the Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V. (IBU), the issuing EPD programme operator...[more](#)





IBU on Twitter: Follow us!

New members

The Association of the German Parquet Industry (vdp) joins IBU

The Association of the German Parquet Industry (vdp) is another association to commit itself to sustainability in the construction product sector. As from September 2015 vdp has become a member at Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU)...[more](#)



IBU welcomes Turkish enterprise Aspen as new member

Since September 2015 the Turkish company Aspen Yapi ve Zemin Sistemleri San. ve Tic. A. S., which produces "Suspended Ceiling", "Partitioning", "Raised Access Floor" and "LED Lighting" systems, has been a member at IBU...[more](#)



Weitzer Parkett from Austria has become a new member at IBU

Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) is pleased that a new enterprise committed to sustainability joined IBU and welcomes Weitzer Parkett GmbH & Co. KG as a new member...[more](#)



Announcements

Save the day: IBU Communication Workshop



It takes place on 28 January 2016 in Cologne, Germany. Topic: Successfully communicating EPDs in Marketing, PR and Sales. Further information will soon be provided on the IBU website and members and declaration owners will be officially invited.

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:



- 04.-05.11.2015 Cologne
- 17.-18.11.2015 Stuttgart

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

Series of events: Resource efficiency in SMEs

A series of events by B.A.U. e.V. in cooperation with IBU. With a workshop at Workshop at Kronoply AG on 26.11.2015 in Heiligengrabe ...[more](#)



Fifth International Symposium on Life-cycle Civil Engineering

on 16.-19. October 2016 in Delft/The Netherlands...[more](#)

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