

Millennium Express Conference Report

“Renewable Energy for Sustainability....are we on the right track for a sustainable future?” Oldenburg, DE, 10-12 April 2015

Students from the two study programmes: Postgraduate Programme Renewable Energy (PPRE) and Sustainability Economics and Management (SEM) of the University of Oldenburg have successfully organized the event “Renewable Energy for Sustainability” for the second consecutive time. Last years event was held with the theme: “Sustainability of Renewable Energy and Pathways for Future Society”. Inspired and motivated from last year, this years event was hosted with the new theme “Renewable Energy for Sustainability....are we on the right track for a sustainable future?”. Series of outstanding lectures, discussions and workshops were hosted under the new theme addressing the core agendas of the theme.

A total of 60 students and Alumni hailing from over 28 Countries and 5 continents have made the event a grand success. The main idea of the event was to provide participants with a broader perspective on the implementation of RE for sustainable development. Thereby the lectures and workshops were focused on: The natural and societal boundaries within which we need to act (sufficiency), the current status, policies and strategies adopted for implementation of RE, the visions of 100% sustainable energy and, business models to achieve a sustainable world. Over the three days of the event, participants were engaged in attending lectures and had very constructive discussions with the expert speakers.



Participants, Volunteers and Organizers of the event

Apart from the in house lectures and panel discussions, participants were also given opportunity to see the RE technologies installed at the energy laboratory at Wechloy Campus of the

University of Oldenburg. Participants were given an opportunity to cook rice for the Saturday dinner by using improved cook stoves at the energy laboratory of the University of Oldenburg. The event was organized to enable the participants to have an impression of how over 50% of the global population cook their meals with biomass based energy sources. It was “first time” for many of the participants to get involved in such a activity and some of the participants were really excited and were completely engaged in understanding the principles behind the improved cook stoves.



The main attraction on the last day (12th April) was the Board Game to execute Energy Transition of a small community. The game was an updated version of the last years board game developed by two students of the PPRE (12/14). The objective of the game was to reduce a town’s energy consumption and carbon footprint while increasing the share of renewable energy produced. The board game was liked by almost everyone and some of the students already decided to use the concept and content of the game to include in their respective future events.

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