

Pflanzkohle im kommunalen Kontext - Biochar in the Urban Context

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Conference - Call for Abstracts

Biochar is a product of thermal carbonization (pyrolysis) of vegetable biomass. While biochar is mostly known for its use in agriculture, usually in products inspired by *Terra Preta*, biochar also offers manifold applications in cities and municipalities. The conference *Biochar in the Urban Context* by the *Fachverband Pflanzkohle e.V.* (German Biochar Association) will highlight the opportunities in this field. The following speakers are already confirmed:

- Bjorn Embrén (City of Stockholm): *The Stockholm biochar project and planting urban trees on biochar*
- Bruno Glaser (University Halle-Wittenberg): *tba.*
- Nikolaus Foidl: *Gewinnung von Huminsäuren aus kommunalen Reststoffen* (Production of humic acid from communal residue)
- tba. (University of Stuttgart / Ökoservice GmbH): *Pflanzkohle in Kleinkläranlagen* (Biochar in small sewage treatment plants)

We are now looking for additional contributions from practitioners and scientists on production and application of biochar in the context of green-waste-recycling, urban gardening, maintenance of parks, public green and roadside vegetation, sewage treatment, power generation and many more aspects of communal scope.

In addition to presentations and discussion breaks, the conference also offers space for interactive workshops (approx. 2-3 hours) that enable intensive knowledge exchange on specific topics. Participants will be able to select one of these workshops on the conference registration. We are now looking for applicants who want to prepare and host one of these workshops on a biochar-related topic.

Please submit your abstract/summary until August 29, 2018 to fachtagung@fvpk.de under the following specifications:

Presentation (panel presentation or poster)

- Maximum 500 words in German (*preferred*) or English in pdf or doc(x) format
- Choose your preference for presentation: 30 or 20 min incl. discussion; poster

Workshops

- Maximum 500 words in German (*preferred*) or English in pdf or doc(x) format
- Additional organizational document (bullet points only): Workshop background, itinerary and required material/tech (e.g. projector, flipchart, etc.), maximum participant capacity.

The organizing committee will select the applications and inform all applicants in September. The successful abstracts of both presentations and workshops will be published, e.g. on our website.