



“On-Farm Small-Scale Anaerobic Digestion”

**The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Hillsborough
Wednesday, November 2nd 2016**

This one day event will be held at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Hillsborough and is free to attend for all AD Network members (free membership available in advance, see anaerobicdigestionnet.com, or contact adnet@soton.ac.uk).

Consisting of a series of specialist presentations on the subject of Farm Small-Scale Anaerobic Digestion with plenty of opportunities to network this event aims to showcase current research in this area and should be of interest to Industry and Academia alike. Funding opportunities for collaborations will be highlighted. If you are actively involved in small-scale AD this is the place for you!

About

This event aims to bring members from all aspects of AD together and examine the current state of research and activity. Hosted by Gary Lyons- AFBINI and supported by the AD Network –a BBSRC NIBB and BioBase4SME this will feature presentations by experienced practitioners and researchers who will present the latest innovations in this topic. There has never been a better time to explore collaborations with academia as the UK government focuses its attention on Industrial Biotechnology. Funding streams available range from small £10,000 Business Interaction Vouchers, £60,000 Proof of Concept awards and the prospect of large-scale GCRF funding. Join us to explore the topic further and benefit from expert discussion in specialist area.

Provisional Agenda (tbc)

- 09.15 Registration opens
- 09.50 Introduction and welcome by Dr Trevor Gilliland, AFBI
- 10.00 Potential of on-farm AD in Europe
- 10.30 Overview of the European on-farm AD industry
- 11.00 Digestate as a biofertiliser
- 11.20 The need for nutrient management of digestate
- 11.40 Nutrient management– - commercial potential
- 12.00 Case study 1 – new on-farm AD in NI
- 12.20 Case study 2 – established on-farm AD in NI
- 12.40 Economics of on-farm AD
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Overview of AFBI AD plant and nutrient management at AFBI (Peter Frost/Gary Lyons)
- 14.20 Site visit to AFBI AD plant/Dairy unit/Renewable Energy
- 16.00 Mop-up session and concluding remarks
- 16.30 Event ends

Details

This 1 day event will be held at The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Hillsborough. See www.anaerobicdigestionnet.com for details and registration. For all queries, or to express an interest in presenting an oral or poster presentation, contact adnet@soton.ac.uk.

The event itself is free to attend to all members of the AD Network. Small Pre-approved Travel Bursaries are available to members to attend the event (up to £100) – ask adnet@soton.ac.uk for details.

Address

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For map see: www.afbini.gov.uk/contacts/afbi-hillsborough

Directions

By car

Take the M1 from Belfast. Take the A1 at Lisburn and continue to Hillsborough. After 4 miles take a left on to the Lisburn road. Continue on to Main Street. Take a left onto Park Lane and another left on to Park Street.
12.7 miles/22 minutes.

By bus

From Belfast take Line 38 from Belfast Europa Bus Centre. Hourly service/36 minutes.

By Taxi

From Belfast 15-20 minutes/approx. £40.

Accommodation

Belfast

There are a wide variety of reasonably priced hotel options (£65-100) available.

Hillsborough

A number of B&B options are available within a few miles of AFBI. The closest is Dunhill Cottage B&B, 47 Carnreagh, Hillsborough.

Try www.booking.com for options ranging from £65-90.

Pre-approved Travel Bursaries of £100 towards Travel/Accommodation are available to members of the AD Network for this event. Register your interest on the Registration form to qualify.