5 and 6 April 2016, Cologne - (PresseBox) 250 participants and 30 exhibitors from all over the world are expected to attend the established meeting point of the bio-based industry, the "9th International Conference on Bio-Based Materials", Cologne (DE): www.bio-based.eu/conference

Market leaders will showcase the latest developments and trends in bio-based building blocks and polymers at this leading international conference. The final programme is already available and includes among others speakers from the following companies and organisations: Albis (DE), Amyris (USA), Covestro (DE), Evonik (DE), Kaneka (JP), Metabolix (USA), Metsä Fibre (FI), Rennovia (USA), Solvay (BE), TetraPack (SE) and TransFuran (BE). In addition, leading scientists from AIMPLAS (SP), RWTH Aachen (DE), University of Natural Resources and Life Science, Vienna (AT), University of York (UK) and Wageningen UR (NL).

Additional highlights are Rina Singh of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO, USA) and the world leading blogger on bio-based chemistry, Doris de Guzman from Tecnon OrbiChem (UK).

Special focus points of the conference this year are biorefinery concepts, trends in use of lignin and the production of PHA. With seven presentations about PHA, the conference provides a comprehensive overview of this interesting and exciting biodegradable polymer.

You can find all information about the programme, exhibitors and participants on the website: www.bio-based.eu/conference

Like every year, six innovative bio-based products have been nominated for the desired award “Bio-based Material of the Year 2016”: Amarys Inc. (US), Covestro Deutschland AG (DE), Evonic Nutrition & Care GmbH (DE), Orineo BVBA (BE), SIP Ltd (UK) and Tetra Pak International SA (SE). The participants of the conference will vote for the winner after the candidates have introduced their materials in short presentations. InfraServ Knapsack GmbH (DE) is sponsoring the award for the first time.

Click here for more information about the six candidates: www.biowerkstoff-kongress.de/award

The conference is also sponsored by FKuR (DE), Linotech and Livemold Trading (DE).

A collage of all nominated products can be downloaded at the following link (please include nova-Institute as source):

http://bio-based.eu/media/16-02-26-Innovation-Award-2016-nominees.jpg