

Over 400 Delegates Gather at AlgaEurope 2024 to Drive Innovation in the Algae Biomass Sector

AlgaEurope 2024, one of the leading annual conferences dedicated to advancements and trends in the algae biomass sector, concluded successfully, bringing together an impressive 424 delegates from 43 countries and 256 organizations. Jointly organized by the European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) and DLG Benelux, the event was held from 10 - 13 December 2024 in Athens, Greece. Over four enriching days, the conference served as a global platform for science, technology, and business collaboration in the algae industry.

"This year's AlgaEurope has set a new benchmark once again," stated Carlos Unamunzaga, President of EABA. "With over 400 participants and nearly 300 abstract submissions, this year's conference has reinforced its role as a key event in the algae sector".

A Program Designed for Impact

Under the supervision of the chairman, Jean-Paul Cadoret, AlgaEurope 2024 featured a comprehensive program with over 20 plenary sessions and presentations from 110 expert speakers. Attendees gained insights into critical topics, including algae physiology, biorefinery, food and feed applications, wastewater management, high-value products and many more. Esteemed keynote speakers such as Dr. Kengo Suzuki (Japan), Hélène Marfaing (France), Susan Løvstad Holdt (Denmark), and Lieve Laurens (USA) inspired audiences with their expertise and vision for the future of algae biomass. Attendees could also explore 154 poster contributions, offering opportunities for meaningful discussions and collaboration.

Once again, the conference featured an Award Evening, recognizing achievements with the Poster Presentation Award, Personality Award, and Loyalty Award. After the ceremony, delegates had the chance to connect with fellow delegates and sample algae-based products generously provided by GreenCoLab.

Connecting Science, Technology, and Industry

AlgaEurope is renowned for fostering collaboration across the algae value chain. The event combined scientific discourse with practical industry engagement. In addition to industry presentations, delegates explored a dynamic trade show featuring 20 exhibitors, showcasing the latest products, technologies, and services driving the sector forward. Additionally, site visits to Solmeyea and Plankton First offered attendees firsthand insights into innovative algae production processes.

"AlgaEurope 2024 demonstrated the strong momentum within the algae sector," noted Kuno Jacobs, Managing Director of DLG Benelux. "With 424 participants, 20 exhibitors, 110 speakers and 154 poster presentations it was a great opportunity to connect science and industry."

Networking and Cultural Highlights

Beyond the formal sessions, AlgaEurope 2024 offered attendees unique opportunities to network and experience Greek culture. A highlight was the Conference Dinner held at the Markou Wine Museum, complete with a wine tasting. Enhanced connectivity through the

AlgaEurope App further supported interactions among participants, enabling meaningful collaborations to emerge.

Looking Ahead

The success of AlgaEurope 2024 underscores the growing importance of the algae biomass sector in addressing global challenges such as sustainability, food security, and renewable energy. The event's success was made possible by the support of sponsors, including A4F, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences, SCHOTT, GreenCoLab, and Brightwave.

The next AlgaEurope conference will take place in Riga, Latvia, from 9 – 12 December 2025. Organizers are committed to expanding the event's scope and continuing to serve as a pivotal forum for stakeholders worldwide.

About AlgaEurope

AlgaEurope is the premier European conference dedicated to the advancement of algae biomass research and innovation. Organized by DLG Benelux and EABA (European Algae Biomass Association), the conference provides a platform for experts, researchers, and professionals to share knowledge, collaborate, and drive innovation in the field of algae biomass.



About EABA

The objective of European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) is to promote mutual interchange and cooperation in the field of biomass production and use, including biofuel uses and all other utilisations. It aims at creating, developing, and maintaining solidarity and links between its members and at defending their interests at the European and international levels. Its main target is to act as a catalyst for fostering synergies among scientists, industrialists, and decision-makers in order to promote the development of research, technology, and industrial capacities in the field of Algae.

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DLG Benelux

DLG Benelux located in the Netherlands is a subsidiary DLG (German Agricultural Society), a non-profit independent agricultural and food association which aims to share knowledge across borders using conferences, exhibitions and events among others. Events organized by DLG Benelux include the AlgaEurope and Seagriculture conferences.

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