



**International Seminar on
Bioenergy & Sustainable Rural
Development**

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The International Seminar of Bioenergy and Sustainable Rural Development was held in Morelia, Mexico, from June 26 to 28, 2003. It was organized jointly by the Latin American Thematic Network on Bioenergy (LAMNET), the Center for Ecosystem Research (CIECO) from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the National Association for Solar Energy (ANES) and the State Government of Michoacan, Mexico.

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Updated information on this workshop is available at <http://www.bioenergy-lamnet.org>, <http://bioenergia.oikos.unam.mx> and <http://www.anes.org>.

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The International Seminar on Bioenergy and Sustainable Rural Development in Morelia was attended by 160 people coming from over 30 countries. Participants represented the academic, non-governmental, official, social, and private sectors. Seminar activities were organized in plenary presentations, where general topics of interest in the area of bioenergy and rural development were addressed and discussed, as well as in five working groups. These last were devoted to analyze the topics of: electricity generation from biomass, liquid fuels, gasification, biomass resources, and small scale applications.



Inauguration session of the International Seminar on Bioenergy and Sustainable Rural Development - 5th LAMNET Project Workshop, 26 – 28 June 2003, Morelia, México (from left to right: Dr. Exequiel Ezcurra, Dr. Peter Helm, Dr. Omar Masera, Sr. Norman Bellino, Antrop. Lázaro Cárdenas Batel, Dr. Alberto Ken Oyama Nakagawa, M. En C. Guillermo Vargas Uribe , Dr. Eduardo Rincón, Lic. Enrique Bautista Villegas)

The International Seminar on Bioenergy had a high political impact. The Governor of Michoacán State gave the opening address and underlined the State's strategic interest in the development of bioenergy as a source of local sustainable rural development and technology innovation. Several other high-level officials from Mexico attended the sessions.



Inauguration address by Antrop. Lázaro Cárdenas Batel, Governor of the State of Michoacán.



Opening address by the scientific co-ordinator of the international seminar, Dr. Omar Masera, UNAM, México.

A major outcome from the Seminar was the creation of the **Mexican Network on Bioenergy (Red Mexicana de Bioenergía)**, which will provide a forum to catalize projects, information exchange and activities in the field of bioenergy. The coordination of the network will be initially organized by Dr. Omar Masera and the network will be based within ANES.

Welcome address by the co-ordinator of the Latin American Thematic Network on Bioenergy (LAMNET), Dr. Peter Helm, WIP, Germany.



Antrop. Lázaro Cárdenas Batel, Governor of the State of Michoacan, congratulating Sr. Norman Bellino, FAO representative in México.