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The scientific programme of the International Seminar on Bioenergy and Sustainable Rural Development consisted of several plenary presentations discussing general topics of interest in the field of bioenergy and rural development. Additionally, five working groups were organised which were concerned with the topics of electricity generation from biomass, liquid fuels, gasification, biomass resources and small-scale bioenergy applications.



Prof. José Roberto Moreira, Brazilian National Reference Centre on Biomass (CENBIO), gave a presentation on the 'Global Perspective of Bioenergy'.



The presentation of Dr. Gustavo Best, Energy Coordinator of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), focussed on 'Bioenergy and Sustainable Rural Development'.



Ron Bailis, University of California Berkeley, reported on the Role of 'Bioenergy in Climate Change Mitigation'.



Dr. Luiz Horta Nogueira, Brazilian Agencia Nacional do Petroleo (ANP), gave a presentation on the 'Brazilian Experience in the field of Bioenergy'.



The two plenary presentations by Dr. Catherine Vallee, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Dr. Boris Utria, The World Bank, focussed on the topics 'Financing Bioenergy Projects' and 'Ethanol/Gelfuel: Bioenergy and Rural Development'.



Prof. José Roberto Moreira during the discussion round on bioenergy strategies and policies.

Dr. Eduardo Rincón, President of the Mexican Asociación Nacional de Energía Solar (ANES), moderated the discussion on policies to promote bioenergy in Mexico.

