

Enhancing the Quality of Paper for Recycling

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EcoPaperLoop Seminar in Warsaw, Poland:

“Paper recycling – a necessity for today’s paper loop!”

Paper is a precious raw material – it shall not be wasted. At a seminar on **Tuesday, October 29**, 2013 in Warsaw, Poland, all members of the paper chain are invited to learn more about eco-design of paper and packaging, life cycle analysis of packaging products and paper recycling strategies. More than 40 participants, among them representatives of collectors, paper mills, and regional administrations, have already registered for this **free seminar**.

Paper for recycling is raw material, not waste

What was called waste paper earlier is **no waste**: Unmixed overprint, unsold newspaper and magazines or other forms of used paper free of contaminants “never become waste”. Dr. **Ulrich Höke**, Mill Manager of Stora Enso’s Sachsen mill will talk about the **paper industry’s requirements** for the quality of paper for recycling, about the **actual collected paper** and its processing.

Ever compared the contents of recycling bins from a high-riser or other multi-storey buildings with other bins from detached houses in more rural areas? Prof. **Harald Grossmann**, Dresden University of Technology, reports about the differences in the collection of paper for recycling: The single family homes collect almost twice as much graphic paper per capita compared to high-rise apartment buildings!

To “**Improve collection strategies**” is one of the goals of the EcoPaperLoop project as well as the title of one of its work packages, headed by Prof. Grossmann. The “**Assessment of paper based products’ recyclability**” is another target of the EcoPaperLoop project. Dr. **Hans Putz** of Darmstadt Technical University will present a **new test method** that has been developed to evaluate the **content of adhesives and unrecyclable materials in packaging**.

The seminar will take place at COBRO, the **Polish Packaging Research and Development Centre**. Here a new **Life Cycle Analysis for packaging** is under development in cooperation with **Innovhub-SSI** in Milan, Italy.

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