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1. Event

(1) JORA 's interim reports on Organics Recycling

JORA, since the foundation on August 2000, has pursued "Technical survey and research for the effective use of organics" and "Drafting criteria, standards and manuals on organics recycling" under the technical committee.

On November 26 in Makuhari, Chiba City, three expert committees and four sub-committees made interim reports on their studies for "Biological waste recycling technology about composting, thermal energy, carbonization and animal feed", "Environmental measures and regulations about composting" and "Lumber resources recycling use".

It was our great honor that these interim reports have been highly evaluated by a large audience.

(2) International Symposium on Organics Recycling 2003 (ISOR2003) in Akita

Akita Prefectural University and JORA are going to organize ISOR2003 in Akita City from October 7 to 9, 2003 and details of the symposium can be found soon at the <http://www.jora.jp/ISOR2003>.

The Chairman of the organizing committee of the symposium is Prof. Dr. Chino, Chairperson of ANOR and it is our earnest desire to receive your papers.

2. Information sources

(1) Japan for sustainability

We have found a useful website called Japan for Sustainability which is a non-profit platform to disseminate environment information from Japan to the world in English. Please refer to <http://www.japanfs.org> and ask to send monthly free Mail Newsletter.

(a) This site has been established just a few months ago but covers wide range of environmental information by 10 categories like Energy, Global warming and by 6 players like Government, NGO/Citizen.

(b) Followings are the titles of Back number of free Newsletter

*Japan for Sustainability Newsletter (November, 2002)

Japan and Global Warming/Current situation and Various Initiatives in Japan 's Transport Sector/ "Unique NGOs in Japan" series No.1

*Japan for Sustainability Newsletter (October, 2002)

Fuel Cell Revolution Underway in Japan/Environmental Management Systems for All/ "Toward Zero Emissions" series No.1

*Japan for sustainability Newsletter (September, 2002)

Introduction/ Japanese Companies' Initiatives Toward A Sustainable Economy/Contest For Green Local Governments.

(2) Other information sources

We also recommend other important website, available in English below.

*The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan:
<http://www.maff.go.jp>

*The Ministry of the environment of Japan: <http://www.env.go.jp>

*Japan International Cooperation Agency: <http://www.jica.go.jp>

*Environmental Technology Cooperation for the Developing Countries:
<http://www.apec-vc.or.jp>

*Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan: <http://www.oecc.or.jp>

*Environmental Information Network for Asia and the Pacific:
<http://www.einap.org>

*Japan External Trade Organization: <http://jetro.go.jp>

*Japan Bank for International Cooperation: <http://jbic.go.jp>

*Asian Development Bank: <http://www.adb.org>

*United Nations Environment Program: <http://www.unep.or.jp>

3. Establishment of the European Compost Network (ECN) and Collaboration with ORBIT/JORA

Prof. Dr. Werner Bidlingmaier, Chairman of Organic Recovery & Biological Treatment (ORBIT) kindly managed to stop over at JORA on November 15 on his way home from China and he explained about ECN and proposed collaboration ORBIT/JORA as follows.

(1) ECN

(a) Official foundation conference of ECN was held on October 18.

(b) ECN will act as an organ and under the umbrella of the ORBIT Association and this enables the ECN to work from the beginning with the existing resources and the legal basis of ORBIT.

(c) ORBIT tends to be rather academic and foundation members of ECN are organic waste experts, plant managers and compost and biowaste organizations representing more than 1000 professional composting/digestion plants from EU countries. It serves with "Quality Management in Biological Treatment of Waste" first of all for the need of the practical operation and decision makers.

(d) The objectives of ECN are to promote the adoption of sustainable systems for organic waste management through technological development and improvement practices.

(e) Please refer <http://www.orbit-online.net/ECN>

(2) Collaboration with ORBIT/JORA

- (a) Exchange of scientific papers/Exchange of practical information/ Editing the waste glossary/Cooperation in publishing/Exchange of courses e.g. odor
- (b) Orbit 2003 Perth:(<http://www.orbit-online.net>)
Session compost-organization/Help in advertisement by JORA/Young scientist award/Key note speaker
- (c) Presentation Kassel project:
Presentation in March 2003 as a ORBIT Special/Invitation to JORA for a key notes speaker/Report there about the situation in Japan

4. Japan 's National Strategy of Biomass Utilization

On July 30,2002, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan announced the basic plan on the National Strategy of Biomass Utilization compiled by the project team in the Ministry.

This plan is based on the recognition that the utilization of Biomass abundant in rural and urban areas in Japan is essential to establish sustainable society and nurture new strategic industries.

This team, in cooperation with other four Ministries concerned and getting cooperation from the special advisory group, will set up concrete measures and time table within this year.