

Second Latin-American Workshop on biobeds

The second Latin-American Workshop on biobeds was held in Guatemala city, Guatemala during the 26th and 27th of June, 2014.

This event was organized by the Agricultural Chemical Association, Agrequima, Guatemala with support from CropLife Latin America, the Institute of Environmental and Agricultural Engineering of Sweden and the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, which was also venue.

More than 120 persons attended the workshop. With the participation of 12 lecturers from Sweden, Mexico, Uruguay, Spain, Chile, Brazil and Guatemala this event was held with the objective of bringing together researchers, experts, farmers and stakeholders to share and disseminate information on the development of biobeds and biopurificación systems to minimize contamination by pesticides.

The presentations were related to optimization of biomixtures, biobed microbiology, experiences of biobeds at pilot and field scale and dissemination of the technology especially in Guatemala where more than 1600 biobeds are in function. In two separate roundtables, topics as the dissemination of the biobed technology in Guatemala and in Latin America were also discussed.



The workshop was held in the auditorium of the Universidad del Valle. Pictures from Agrequima.

A visit to experimental farm biobed Volcano Vista in Chimaltenango was included in the program.



Visit to the experimental biobed in Volcano Vista, Chimaltenango. Picture from Agrequima.

Extra lectures were organized for 85 students and teachers from the universities Rafael Landívar and Universidad del Valle-Altiplano that could not attend the workshop because the number of persons exceeded the capacity of the auditorium.

The third workshop will be held in Brazil, 2016.

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