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The 2010 Heinz Schultz medal goes to Rudolf Braun

Prof. Dr. Rudolf Braun, National Team Leader of Task 37 from Austria has received the most renowned price in the field of biogas from the German Biogas Association. The Heinz Schultz medal has been handed out to him by the president of Fachverband Biogas, Joseph Pellmayer, for his outstanding lifetime research and applied work in many fields of biogas. As it emphasised in the laudation by Art Wellinger, his basic research was always directed towards a future application in the practice. He was one of the first in Europe introducing anaerobic filters, co-digestion in waste water treatment and application of cascade utilisation of biomass in so called biorefineries



A new standard publication for biogas application

An outstanding publication on the performance of 61 of the newest generation of biogas plants in Germany has been released by the German Fachagentur für nachwachsende Rohstoffe (FNR). The group of our Task member Prof. Peter Weiland at the vTI in Braunschweig has monitored over two years biological and technical parameters of a number of different types of biogas installations. The excellent study can be ordered for free or be downloaded (unfortunately only in German) from

<http://www.nachwachsenrohstoffe.de/index.php?id=21>

Biogas from slaughterhouse waste

Using the biogas from animal by-products (ABP) digestion, the St Martin pig slaughter facility in Austria can cover most of its heat demand and some of the electricity requirements. In combination with heat from a geothermal power plant, the slaughterhouse fully covers its demand on thermal energy by renewable energy. Task 37 has published a case study on that rather unique solution:

http://www.iea-biogas.net/Dokumente/casestudies/st_martin.pdf