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ecoinvent user survey

The ecoinvent survey, carried out in fall 2004 revealed interesting insights into the structure and preferences of the ecoinvent members. The majority of the respondents named reputation, transparency and reliability as the three main incentives to use ecoinvent in their project work. Most prefer rather additional datasets in economic sectors already covered (such as additional waste treatment datasets) and further improvements of existing datasets (such as more detailed transport service datasets). About 60 % of the respondents work in industry and consulting companies, the others are affiliated to universities and research institutes. The results of the questionnaire are included into the scope of the update towards ecoinvent data v2.0 on which we will communicate in one of the next newsletters.

ecoinvent workshop on May 23, 2005 at the SETAC Europe meeting in Lille, France

The ecoinvent Centre organises a hands-on workshop on how to work with ecoinvent data in LCA software tools. The workshop will take place on **Monday afternoon, May 23, 2005** (no SETAC LCA session during this time). After an introduction into the content and particularities of the ecoinvent database, participants get on-line presentations on how ecoinvent data are efficiently used in LCA software tools. Please send us an Email (<mailto:setaclille05@ecoinvent.ch>) if you are interested to participate in this workshop.

List of discovered errors in ecoinvent Data v1.1 available on the ecoinvent website

Since the release of ecoinvent data v1.1 the intensive work with the new version revealed errors in a few datasets. We wish to thank all of you who actively communicated discovered errors, especially Emil Franov (carbotech, Emis), Jeroen Guinée (CML, CMLCA), Jan Hedemann (ifu Hamburg, Umberto) and Michiel Oele (PRé, SimaPro). We published the complete list of errors on the ecoinvent website (http://www.ecoinvent.ch/download/errors_v1.1.pdf) and plan to release a corrected version of the database by summer 2005. The error list helps those of you who need immediate corrections.

New ecoinvent Centre structure in place

Since of January 1, 2005 the new ecoinvent structure is in place. The ecoinvent board consists of the following five persons: Prof. Dr. Alexander Wokaun, (Paul Scherrer Institute, PSI, chair), Prof. Dr. Konrad Hungerbühler (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich, ETHZ), Prof. Dr. Olivier Jolliet (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, EPFL), Prof. Dr. Lorenz Hilty (Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Testing and Research, Empa), and Dr. Gérard Gaillard, (Federal Research Station for Agroecology and Agriculture, Agroscope FAL Reckenholz).

The ecoinvent Board is supported by an Advisory council, which currently consists of Dr. Christoph Rentsch and Norbert Egli (both Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, BUWAL), Mark Zimmermann (Swiss Federal Office for Energy, BFE) and Mark Goedkoop (PRé consultants B.V.). It is planned to extend the advisory council step by step.

The ecoinvent Centre is hosted by Empa and managed by Dr. Rolf Frischknecht (lead and content), who is assisted by Marcus Dredge (sales).