

IEA Bioenergy Liquid Biofuels Activities

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Task 39 - Commercialising 1st and 2nd Generation Liquid Biofuels from Biomass

IEA Bioenergy Task 39 'Commercializing 1st- and 2nd-Generation Liquid Biofuels from Biomass' is currently composed of 16 countries or regional associations, including Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, the United States and the United Kingdom. The Task Group brings together leading researchers, government officials and industry pioneers in a continuing bid to successfully introduce biofuels for transportation into the commercial marketplace. The Group's activities are organized into two Subtasks, which include the technical challenges of 'second-generation' biofuel production, as well as the market, policy and implementation issues that must be addressed in commercialization of all biofuels. It commissions a series of authoritative reports in its areas of interest.

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The Task 39 Newsletter provides regular updates on activities of member countries, helps distribute contributions from the R&D community and provides a platform for information exchange and collaboration. Read the latest newsletter [here](#). The April 2010 newsletter features developments in New Zealand. The New Zealand Task 39 representative is Ian Suckling (Ian.Suckling@Scionresearch.com).

Task 43 - Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Markets

New Zealand is also involved in Task 43 - Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Markets a

Task 33 - Thermal Gasification of Biomass.