Argentina Biogas Update of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Tri-Subcommittee Meeting, Florianópolis Brazil

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Argentina Biogas Update

- Number of projects
 - Four companies consolidate in the biogas sector
 - Four new big projects during the last year
- Still very difficult to compete with fossile fuel very high subsidies
- Regulatory Update
 - Mandatory laws still in place but not followed
 - New law under treatment in the parliament creates a private sector mandate
- Two NAMAS under construction on biogás
 - Pig manure treatment in small farms
 - Biogas production and use (PROBIOMASA)
- New program PROBIOMASA



Biogas Project Outlook

- Challenges to emission reduction projects in Argentina:
 - Very low energy prices
 - No viable carbon market
 - Unclear regulatory framework on effluent final disposal or farm application
 - Non-rationalized energy prices



Biogas Project Outlook (2)

- Opportunities that may lead to overcoming challenges
 - New Legislation and regulation
 - Very high import bill on conventional sources
 - High risk of energy shortages
 - Higher risk of energy cuts
 - Energy pricing reform cutting subsidies
 - Capacity building
 - Technology transfer available plenty of German firms interested since their domestic market is mature and slowing rate of construction.
 - Training and workshops in the last years produced a good number of trained professionals.

Agriculture Sector Methane Action Plan

- Status of Agriculture, MSW, or WW Sector Methane Action Plan development
 - Talks but little progress on a national plan
 - Inclusión in sector 8 national mitigation plan sec. of environment
 - Increasing concerns at provincial level
- New surveys with GIS support regarding the cuantifiation & distribution of ag sector residues.
- Several failures on plastig bags digestors were recorded
- New codigestion plants high tech over (1 MW)
- New resource assesment studies done at provincial level (Salta & Tucuman)



Agriculture country updates ARGENTINA

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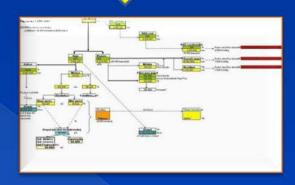
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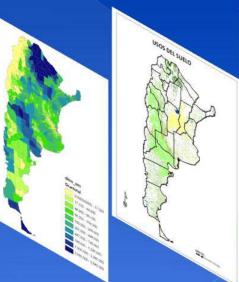
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Pilot plant INTA Rafaela Experimental Station Dairy Santa Fe

Digester development:

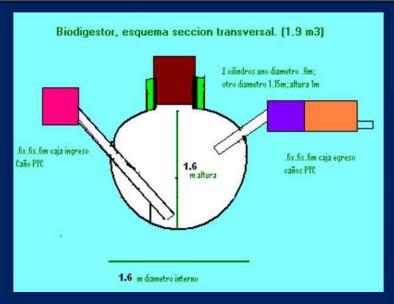
Dairy farm loaded, problems with crust and lack of mixing device.

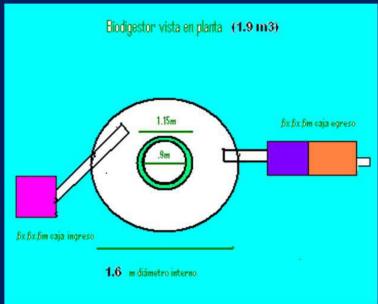




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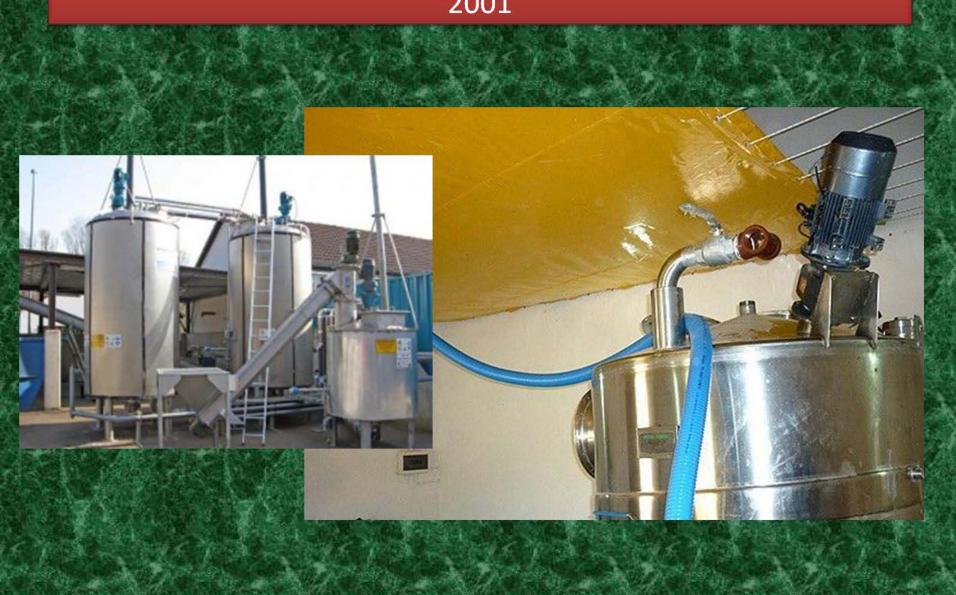


Low cost alternatives Exp Station LAS BREÑAS Chaco







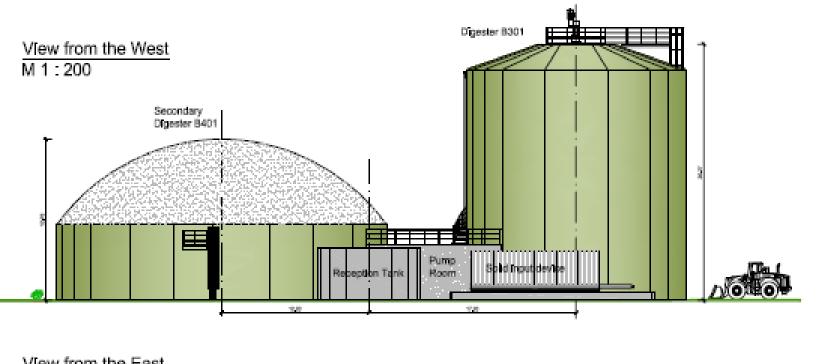


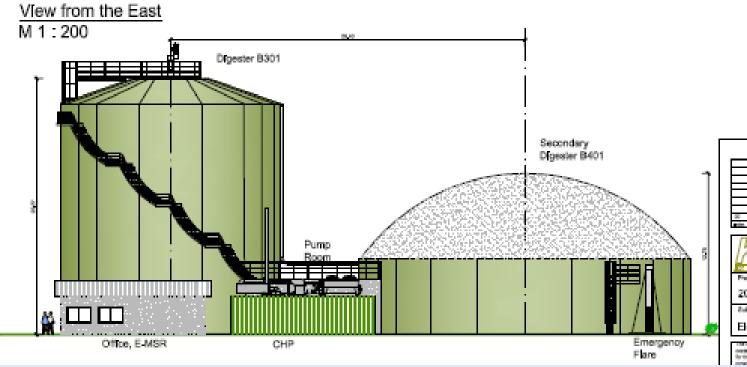


BIOELECTRICA FINISHING FIRST DIGESTERS WITH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT 60 PLANT OF 1 Mw

Investors 29 farmers



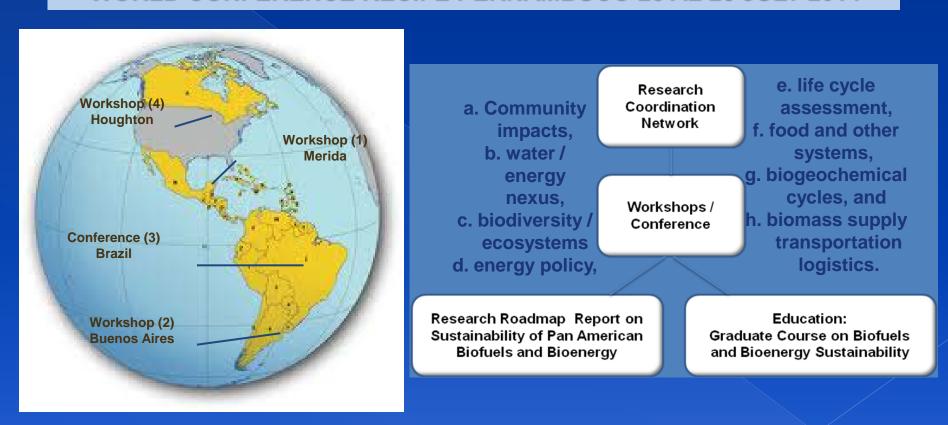






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