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Meet with the ecoinvent team in 2012

This year, we offer you two great possibilities to meet with us – and so that you can profit from them and plan your trips accordingly, here is a short overview of these two dates:

- **48th Discussion Forum LCA**, on June 13, 2012, in Dübendorf (Switzerland), next to Zurich: a whole day of these one-day events is dedicated to the topic **"ecoinvent v3 – an introduction to the new features & data".** Our team will introduce new features, components and data of ecoinvent v3 and demonstrate how these can be used.

- **3rd International ecoinvent Meeting**, on October 5, 2012, just after the LCA food 2012 conference, in St. Malo (France): A one-day meeting to share your 1st experiences with the new version 3, ask our team questions and give your opinion on the further development (please, also note the attached "Call for Papers" for the LCA food 2012 conference).

More information can be found on our website at www.ecoinvent.org/meet-ecoinvent-in-2012

New in ecoinvent v3 (part 2): new structural elements – a brief overview

The next version of ecoinvent combines flexibility and simplicity in a new and convincing way – for the user as well as the database provider – in order to allow a much broader use of the data content, and at the same time more frequent updates in order to allow the users to profit faster from new and/or updated datasets. The most important elements of this new way of establishing an LCI database are:

- **Unlinked & unallocated unit processes** as the basic building blocks;

- **Multiple system models** based on different linking algorithms;

- **Possibility to parameterize** information within unit processes;

- New **completeness of the database**;

- Creation of **separate market processes** as consistent storage for consumption mix data.

Using **unlinked & unallocated unit processes** as basic building blocks results in two advantages - it is possible to apply different modeling algorithms (= *system models*) on the same data, and we can clearly separate verifiable data of production/service/use activities from economic and/or normative assumptions (integrated into the system models), making the submission of a dataset more simple. Therefore, with ecoinvent v3 you will have access to the whole database in different system models. More about the further elements then in the next newsletter …

Presales ecoinvent v3 for existing customer – still 12% discount on upgrade price

All existing customers can continue to purchase an upgrade of their license to version v3 with a 12% discount on the official upgrade price, i.e. only **EUR 1'650** instead of EUR 1'875 per upgrade (the upgrade of multiuser licenses, from the 2nd license on, costs **EUR 825** per license instead of EUR 950) if you order this upgrade before the release of version v3 in June. If you are interested, simply go to http://www.ecoinvent.org/database/registration/upgrade-to-v3/ and fill in your login information – a couple of days later we will send you an invoice for the payment of the upgrade price. Included in this price is also the first year of the maintenance fee; starting with the release date of version 3.

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