

Anaerobic Digestion Network Membership Terms and Conditions

By becoming a member, you accept these terms and conditions and agree to act in accordance with them. If you have any queries, please contact the Network Managers using the contact details below.

1. Introduction

The Anaerobic Digestion Network is one of 13 Networks in Industrial Biotechnology & Bioenergy (NIBB) funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) in order to create networks of interaction between industry and academia. The Networks' objectives are to generate collaborative, interactive research projects to maintain and enhance the strength of the UK Industrial Biotechnology sector.

The AD Network's Executive Group is Professor Charles Banks (PI), Professor Orkun Soyer (Co-I) and joint Network Managers Dr Louise Byfield and Angela Bywater. The Management Board includes the above, plus an additional 15 representatives from industry, academia and government.

The Network Managers' contact details are:

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2. How to become a Network member

You can apply to be a member by submitting your details to the Network Manager using the membership form which can be emailed to you or obtained from the website: www.anaerobicdigestionnet.com. You will be required to complete all fields asterisked as 'essential' but you may choose to provide additional information. You may correct your details, or terminate your membership at any time by contacting the Network Manager. It is the individual members' responsibility to ensure that their information is up to date and inform the Network of any required changes.

Your name, affiliation, website and post code will be in the public domain on the website, but the rest of your personal details will only be available to other members of the Network. You can opt out of this at any time by contacting the Network Managers.

In choosing to submit your personal data, you understand and agree that this data will be:

- Collected for the purpose of building critical mass and enabling research consortia to respond to funding opportunities in the research area of anaerobic digestion
- Uploaded to the secure BBSRC NIBB extranet in line with BBSRC reporting and data collation requirements*
- Accessible to other Network members, some of whom may live outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), but not to non-members
- Stored by the AD Network on a secure server and used to keep you up to date by email with relevant Network activities and funding opportunities
- Processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998

*BBSRC may use the information provided on the BBSRC NIBB Extranet for research related activities, including but not limited to, statistical analysis in relation to evaluation of the BBSRC NIBB, study of trends and policy and strategy studies. Retained statistical data will be anonymised.

3. Your interactions with other Network members

As a Network member, you can receive other member's personal details with a view to exchanging research ideas and establishing research consortia. You will be able to access reports of Network workshops and events and may be able to view research outputs resulting from the use of Proof of Concept funds before such outputs become publicly available.

In becoming a Network member, you understand and agree that:

- Any material displayed on the website is provided without any guarantees, conditions or warranties as to its accuracy. Your use of the website and its contents is at your own risk.
- You should seek advice from your Institution's knowledge transfer/research support service prior to establishing consortia with other Network members. The Network is not liable for losses resulting from your decision to engage in consortia building discussions with other Network members.
- Content provided in the Network's secure area is made available to Network members only and should not be passed to third parties. You must not share your unique login details with any other person and you must take immediate steps to change your login details if you suspect that another person is using them to gain access to the secure area.
- You will not use contact details obtained from the member's directory to send unsolicited emails for the purpose of direct marketing or other activities which are not in line with the BBSRC NIBB Network's aims of building research consortia.
- Content shared through the Network's secure area will be subject to copyright. The Network owns all Intellectual property rights contained in works which are created by us or on our behalf. You will not modify the paper or digital copies of any materials you have printed off or downloaded and you must not use any illustrations, photographs or graphics separately from any accompanying text. You will acknowledge the source of any material downloaded or printed from the Network website.
- Materials will be made available on the website in accordance with BBSRC's data sharing policy statement <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Policies/data-sharing-policy.pdf> which expects that research data generated as a result of BBSRC support will be made available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner to the scientific community for subsequent research.
- Materials will be made available on the website in accordance with BBSRC's knowledge exchange management policy <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Policies/knowledge-exchange-commercialisation-policy.pdf> which states that BBSRC has a responsibility to enable the optimal and successful application of the outcomes of the excellent research it funds and must ensure the widest benefit to society and the economy both within and beyond the UK.

4. Uploading content to the Network's secure area

As a Network member, you may have the opportunity to post comments on discussion forums which will be made available in the future within a secure area accessible from the website.

In becoming a member, you understand and agree that:

- The Network reserves the right to withdraw, suspend or amend access to the secure area without notice. We will not be liable if, for any reason, the website or secure area is unavailable at any time.
- Postings made in the secure area should be treated as confidential and must not be passed to non-members.
- You are solely responsible for any postings you choose to make and the Network will not be liable for such activities.
- In the event that you upload content to the website, such content will not be used for the transmission, uploading or posting of any computer viruses or any other harmful or deleterious files or programs.

- You will not transmit, upload or post any material which is defamatory, offensive, racist, vulgar, libellous or of an obscene or menacing character, or in such a way as to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety.
- Before uploading or posting information to the website, you will ensure that you have the full and unrestricted right to copy and distribute such materials. Anything you choose to share will be accessible to all Network members.

5. Attending Network events

As a Network member, you will have the right to apply to attend Network workshops and events.

In becoming a member, you understand and agree that:

- Only registered network members (or invited guests of the Management Board) can attend.
- Submission of an application to attend a Network event does not constitute a confirmed place.
- If you are successful in your Network event application, you will receive a confirmatory email.
- Network events will normally be free to attend. Refreshments will be fully provided as appropriate. Should joint events be conducted with partners, any costs will be clearly pointed out in advance.
- Attendees will be responsible for any travel and subsistence costs incurred up to the point of their arrival at the event venue and for their return journey at the end of the event.
- The Network will not be held liable for any costs incurred by you prior to a confirmed place being awarded.
- The Network will not be held liable for costs incurred due to circumstances outside of our control, such as transport delays or late changes in venue availability.
- We understand that sometimes cancellations are unavoidable, but we ask that you inform us as soon as you are aware of a problem, so that your place can be awarded to somebody else. Charges may be incurred in the event of uninformed non-attendance.

5. Updates to terms and conditions

The Network may revise these terms and conditions of membership at any time. We will post a notification of any changes we make on the website and notify you by email. You will have the option to terminate your membership if you do not agree with future changes to terms and conditions.