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WBA Annual Meetings held in Stockholm, Sweden

The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) annual meetings 2018 were held in Stockholm on the 24th of April 2018. The meetings were attended by members and board members from different parts of the world including Sweden, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Mexico, Singapore, Indonesia, Belgium, Germany and Turkey. The annual meetings were an ideal opportunity for the WBA network to meet and discuss the work of the organization.

WBA Mission: To promote the sustainable development of bioenergy on a global level and to support the business environment for bioenergy.

The annual meetings included Steering Committee meeting (open for full members), General Assembly (open for all members) and board meeting (open for board members).

A new board was elected at the SC meeting including the re-election of President Remigijus Lapinskas (Lithuania) along with 4 Vice Presidents. Access the complete list of board members here ([Link](#)).

At the GA, the annual report 2017 was approved and is available for public viewing ([Link](#)). Interesting discussions ensued about the various activities of WBA, challenges and opportunities for the bioenergy industry and expanding collaboration between WBA and members. Access the list of full and associated members here ([Link](#)).

The annual meetings were followed by a study visit to Lantmännen Agroetanol plant located in Norrköping, Sweden on April 25th. Lantmännen Agroetanol is the largest biorefinery in the Nordic region and part of Lantmännen, an agricultural cooperative owned by 25,000 Swedish farmers, with operations throughout the entire value chain from field to fork. Lantmännen currently employs more than 10 000 employees and is active in 20 countries. Lantmännen Agroetanol produces 230 000 m³ of ethanol as a main product along with 60 000 tonnes of protein as animal feed, 200 000 tonnes of carbon dioxide which is utilized in the beverage industry and biogas for fuel and fertilizer. The plant utilizes 600 000 tonnes of cereals procured in Sweden along with food residues as feedstock. The study trip included presentations from representatives of Lantmännen followed by a tour of the facility.

WBA would like to express our sincere gratitude to our members and board members for taking part in the event.

About WBA

The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) is the global organization dedicated to supporting and representing the wide range of actors in the bioenergy sector. Our members include national and regional bioenergy organizations, institutions, companies and individuals. WBA mission is to promote the increasing utilization of sustainable bioenergy globally and to support the business environment for bioenergy. Since its foundation in 2008, WBA has been working to address a number of pressing issues including certification, sustainability criteria, bioenergy promotion and the debates about bioenergy's impact on food, land use and water supply. For more information, visit www.worldbioenergy.org