

**In memory of Leo Baas**



We received the sad news that Leo Baas passed away on November 20. Leo was an important and highly valued member of the industrial ecology community. Among his many contributions are the pioneering work he did on the social dimension of cleaner production and industrial ecology. Several people in the community will also have known him as a mentor and as a friend. Leo will be missed. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends. Below follows a personal reflection by Frank Boons:

"With Leo the IE community has lost a great scholar and fellow human being. He came to academia after a career in business, as well as personal experience with soil contamination and organizing his local community to deal with that. I think his academic interests originated there: a sense of curiosity to understand how such problems emerge, but also a desire to actively contribute to solutions.

I first met Leo as a junior researcher, and initially I was confused by what I later learned to be one of his greatest qualities. Rather than pushing a conversation forward with questions, he let the other person tell their story, in their own rhythm, words and intensity. His ability to listen led him to a deep understanding of the thinking and feeling of others. I also think this quality led him to excel in working with people from a variety of cultures. This strengthened his insight into the social embeddedness of industrial symbiosis. And, in addition to the work, it made him thoroughly enjoy the many particular ways in which people can have a good time. A good party was never lost on Leo!

At this moment I feel the loss, but I am also grateful for the mentorship that he gave me, and many others around the world. I am confident that his legacy is secure, through the actions of the students and colleagues that had the privilege to work with him."

- Frank Boons

**ISIE and ISRS 2017 announcement**

The 9th biennial conference of the International Society for Industrial Ecology (ISIE) and the 25th annual conference of the International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology (ISSST) will be held jointly in Chicago, Illinois, USA from June 25-29, 2017.

For more information, [visit the website](#).

**14th ISRS, June 24, 2017**

The 14th Industrial Symbiosis Research Symposium will be held the day before the ISIE conference, on June 24th, at The Plant in Chicago (1400 W 46th St, Chicago, IL 60609). [Visit our website](#) for more information on the contents and the program of the ISRS.



### **Survey on EIP standards and indicators**

Our section has established a work group to investigate the interest in and need for establishing international standards/criteria for Eco-Industrial Parks (EIPs). The work group is also interested in developing appropriate indicators for performance assessment against these standards

As a first step, the work group created a survey to assess the interest in standards and indicators for EIP, and to gather opinions on what such standards and indicators should address.

We would highly appreciate your contribution to this survey. It should only take a few minutes to fill it out. If you would like to contribute, [please follow this link to the survey](#).

If you have questions about the survey, you can send them to the section email address ([symbiosis.isie@gmail.com](mailto:symbiosis.isie@gmail.com)), and they will be forwarded to the work group.

### **Call for articles for special issues on Circular Economy**

There is a call for contributions to a special issue on the circular economy in Economics and Policy of Energy and Environment. The special issue intends to gather contributions concerning theoretical background, practical implementation and lessons learned about circular economy applied in both policies and corporate strategies. For the detailed description of the call, [see here](#).

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## IS & EID News headlines

### *November*

- [Cambodia looking at IS](#)
- [Camden, NC eyes new marketing effort for EIP](#)
- [Marketplace HUB from WBCSD shows Circular Economy in Action](#)
- [Taaleri and Nowaste to invest in recycling plants in Nokia EIP](#)
- [Edmonton EIP moves forward](#)

### *October*

- [Sewage Sludge and Seaweed hold promise for IS](#)
- [Griffin-Spalding EIP named Governors International Award Finalist](#)
- [Tobago's Cove Eco Industrial Park lands call center](#)
- [SMILE on Galway](#)
- [Vietnam to spend over 4.5M developing Eco Industrial Parks](#)

### *September*

- [CEPS Report on how circular economy applies to different EU industries](#)
  - [MicroGrid proposed for Milwaukee's Century City eco industrial park](#)
  - [Article on Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in Chinese EIPs](#)
  - [UNIDO holds expert group meeting to develop criteria for EIPs in Vietnam](#)
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