

## UNICAMP and TU Delft workshop brings together students and professors to discuss new Dual Degree PhD projects on biobased economy

On April 13, 2015 a group of about 30 students and professors from UNICAMP gathered for a workshop with TU Delft staff to discuss new Dual Degree PhD projects in the field of biobased economy. The workshop was hosted at UNICAMP's Faculty of Chemical Engineering and organized by the TU Delft Brazil & BE-Basic Brazil office.

The workshop was officially opened by profa Eleonora Albano, on behalf of UNICAMP's Graduate Affairs Office, underlining the importance of such a dual degree program in the internationalization strategy, after which prof Gustavo Valença, executor of the MoU between TU Delft and UNICAMP, provided an overview of the long history of collaboration between the two universities. Profa Patricia Osseweijer provided an introduction to TU Delft and the basic concept of a dual degree Phd project, in which a PhD student enrolls in both universities with two supervisors, to produce one thesis and receive a degree from both universities after a successful defence. Prof Andreas Gombert, UNICAMP coordinator of the Integrated PhD program on Bioenergy showed the first two students who are doing a Dual Degree PhD project financed by a very unique TU Delft scholarship.

Also during the event, a third scholarship was awarded to Chemistry student Renato Coelho, who will spend the remainder of 2015 at TU Delft to work on his PhD thesis.



*Ernst-Jan Bakker, director of TU Delft Brazil & BE-Basic Brazil, congratulates Dual Degree PhD student Renato Coelho on his TU Delft Scholarship*

Moderated by profa Patricia Osseweijer, all participants engaged in an interactive discussion on potential research projects and joint supervisors, which led to 11 concrete project ideas. Over the course of the coming months, these ideas will be further elaborated into full proposals, contributing, if approved, to the joint ambition of 25 dual degree PhD's by 2020.