

UNICAMP bioenergy professors visit TU Delft to define new dual degree PhD projects

On 20 and 21 February 2014, TU Delft hosted a workshop with professors from the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) to define and initiate new dual degree PhD projects. The workshop brought together in total around 20 people; UNICAMP professors from the new Brazilian BIOENERGY PhD program and TU Delft professors from the departments of Biotechnology and Geotechnology. It resulted in 12 proposals for joint projects, with the first one now going through the review process for approval and start this Spring. This workshop is a follow-up of the recent meeting between the Vice Rector of UNICAMP, Prof. Crosta, and the Rector Magnificus of TU Delft, Prof. Luyben, who agreed to intensify the collaboration in doctorate programs by aiming for 25 Double Degree PhD theses by 2020.

After a warm welcome by Anka Mulder, TU Delft's Vice-President for Education & Operations, the workshop participants exchanged recent research results and future research interests, identified complementary expertise and enthusiastically elaborated ideas for joint PhD projects, on for example metabolic engineering, life cycle analysis and biocatalysis. The program also included information on the TU Delft Graduate School, a discussion on the on-going and planned joint education activities, and a visit to the Bioprocess Pilot Facility and several labs of the Biotechnology department.



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