

**18<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference  
and Exhibition**

**From Research to Industry and Markets**

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*Greetings message from Dr. Kyriakos Maniatis*

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To the Conference Participants,

I am very honoured for the Linneborn Prize nomination and I wish to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Bioenergy Community for the nomination and to extend my warm greetings to the participants of the 18<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition. Being the Nominee of the Linneborn Award is a great challenge for me personally because of the essential moral requirement to continue contributing to our common Bioenergy goals as all previous nominees of the prestigious Linneborn Award have done, and have excelled in.

Each year this event has managed to assemble the most important players and stakeholders from all levels and sectors of the Bioenergy Community providing a unique platform where the research community, the industry and the policy makers meet to deliberate and promote our common goals. I have always benefited significantly and feel privileged having participated, assisted in its organisation and chaired the 15<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition in 2007 in Berlin. This provided me, and will continue providing; an unparalleled insight into the research and demonstration needs for Bioenergy which facilitated my work in the European Commission at technical, policy and market deployment issues.

The 18<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition will again set the stage for the Bioenergy Community to tackle collectively the challenges we face in promoting its global deployment for a sustainable energy future.