

APBC 2026

8th APBC & 10th KBRC International BIOCHAR Conference

13th–15th Oct 2026

Gangnam, Seoul, Korea

Conference History

APBC

- 2009 The 1st APBC, Australia
- 2011 The 2nd APBC, Japan
- 2016 The 3rd APBC, Korea
- 2018 The 4th APBC, China
- 2021 The 5th APBC, Taiwan (Online)
- 2022 The 6th APBC, Korea
- 2024 The 7th APBC, China

KBRC

- 2019 IBI Biochar World Congress, Korea
- 2020 ICHMET 2020, Korea
- 2021 Nature Conference, Korea
- 2022 Global ESG Forum, Korea
APBC 2022, Korea
- 2023 Global ESG Forum, Singapore
6th Global Conference, Korea
- 2024 7th Global Conference, Indonesia
- 2025 ICOBTE & ICHMET 2025, Korea

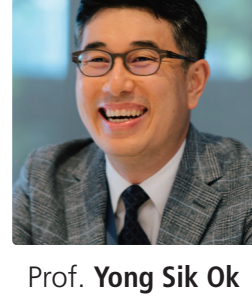
• The 8th APBC & 10th KBRC International BIOCHAR Conference, Korea •

- **Theme** Sustainable Biochar: Market Development and Commercialization to Achieve ESG Goals
- **Date** October 13th ~ October 15th, 2026
- **Country** South Korea
- **Venue** The Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies (KOFST) Gangnam, Seoul
- **Organizer** Korea Biochar Research Center (KBRC)
- **Co-organizers** International ESG Association (IESGA)

Welcome Message

Greetings from Chairs

We are pleased to invite you to the 8th Asia Pacific Biochar Conference & 10th Korea Biochar Research Center International BIOCHAR Conference, which will be held from October 13 to 15, 2026, in Seoul, Korea, at the heart of Gangnam. The Korea Biochar Research Center (KBRC) will host this conference with International ESG Association (IESGA). Notably, this will be the 10th time that KBRC has hosted this prestigious event, adding even greater significance to the occasion.



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Program Schedule

Time	13th (Tue)	14th (Wed)	15th (Thu)
09:00~10:20	Plenary & Keynote Session	Special Symposium (3 sessions in parallel)	Graduate Students Session
10:20~10:40	Coffee Break		
10:40~12:00	Plenary & Keynote Session	Special Symposium (3 sessions in parallel)	Graduate Students Session
12:00~13:30	Lunch		
13:30~15:30	Plenary & Keynote Session	Special Symposium (3 sessions in parallel)	Meet the Editors & Networking Session
15:30~16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00~18:00	Plenary & Keynote Session	Special Symposium (3 sessions in parallel)	Meet the Editors & Networking Session
18:30~	-	Conference Dinner	VIP Banquet / Student Night (Invitation Only)

Special Symposiums

KBRC Special Symposiums

The 4th International Forum on Plastic and Sustainability

Chairs. Prof. Xiangzhou Yuan (Southeast University, China)
Prof. Yong Sik Ok (Korea University, Korea)

Biochar from Biomass and Waste

Chairs. Prof. Yong Sik Ok (Korea University, Korea)
Prof. Daniel Tsang (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China)

Microplastics, PFAS, and Emerging Contaminants in the Environment

Chairs. Prof. Yong Sik Ok (Korea University, Korea)
Prof. Jörg Rinklebe (University of Wuppertal, Germany)

Sustainable Catalyst

Chairs. Prof. Jason Chun-Ho Lam (City University of Hong Kong, China)
Prof. Xianguang Duan (The University of Adelaide, Australia)

Achieving Sustainability through Land-based Negative Emission Technologies

Chairs. Dr. Binoy Sarkar (University of South Australia, Australia)
Prof. Yong Sik Ok (Korea University, Korea)

Green and Sustainable Remediation

Chair. Prof. Xiao Yang (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)

Biochar Special Symposiums

Biochar for Green Waste Treatment and Resource Recovery in Anaerobic Digestion

Chairs. Prof. Samir Kumar Khanal (University of Hawaii at Manoa, US)
Prof. Xue-Ting Wang (Harbin Institute of Technology, China)

Climate smart and biochar-based innovative technologies for high value crop futures

Chair. Prof. Zhihong Xu (Griffith University, Australia)

Biochar for Sustainability and the Circular Economy

Chairs. Prof. Carol Lin (City University of Hong Kong, China)
Dr. Yungying Fang (Griffith University, Australia)

From Carbon to Crop: Advancing Biochar as a Sustainable Fertilizer Solution

Chairs. Prof. Anushka Upamali Rajapaksha (University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka)
Prof. Shahla Hosseini Bai (Griffith University, Australia)

Thermochemical Biorefinery Pathways for Biochar-Based-Waste-to-Energy and Valorization Technologies

Chair. Prof. Shuang Wang (Jiangsu University, China)

Emerging Production Technologies and Applications of Advanced Biochar for CCU and Energy Storage/Conversion Applications

Chairs. Prof. Xiangzhou Yuan (Southeast University, China)
Prof. Ondřej Mašek (The University of Edinburgh, UK)

Biochar-Driven Transformation of Environmental Pollutants

Chair. Prof. Honghong Lyu (Hebei University of Technology, China)

Advancing Soil Fertility and Sustainability with Biochar: Bridging Research, Industry, and Policy

Chair. Prof. Ali El-Naggar (Western EcoSystems Technology, Canada)

Cropland Transition and Quality Improvement Technologies: Pollution Remediation, Soil Fertility Restoration, and Ecological Function Optimization.

Chair. Prof. Yaoyu ZHOU (Hunan Agricultural University, China)

Biochar Stability

Chair. Prof. Meththika Vithanage (Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, Denmark)

Biochar Strategies for Soil Health and Sustainability

Chair. Prof. Rosazlin Abdullah (University of Malaya, Malaysia)

Efficient Conversion Technologies of Agricultural Waste and Applications of Its Products in Agriculture

Chair. Prof. Baojun YI (Huazhong Agricultural University, China)

Special Symposiums

Plenary Speakers

Committees

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Opens: 15 Sep 2025

Abstract Due: 30 Apr 2026

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Early-Bird Registration: until 30 Apr 2026

Conference: 13-15 Oct 2026, Seoul

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