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Twelfth Inter-American Symposium

SEMINAR/WORKSHOP "MATERIAL FOR THE FUTURE: RENEWABLE ORGANIC RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS"

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Your attention is called to the above-mentioned Inter-American Symposium sponsored by the Interciencia Association since the series began in 1976 on problems relating Science and Technology to Development.

This will comprise six to seven half-day sessions divided between plenaries and working groups, and field trips in the vicinity.

The official language will be English, but assistance will be provided to Spanish-speaking participants.

Topics to be addressed in the Materials Conference may include perspectives on needs and supplies of resources, concepts of substitution, developments of special interest in wood and other plant chemistry and the policy considerations for industry and government. Specific areas likely to be discussed include:

- Use of natural oils and latex from plants such as jojoba, guayule and the oil palms of Amazonia.
- Suitability of wood as a chemical raw material for plastics and production of polymers.
- Norwood fibers, including grasses and residues.

- Hydrolysis and pyrolysis conversion techniques most appropriate to developing countries, and
- Economic as well as conceptual feasibility in substitution.

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