

## **Dr. Viessmann awarded honorary doctorate by the University of Wisconsin**

*Honour reflects the Viessmann Group and the  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's long-standing  
commitment to achieve sustainability through  
innovative technology*

Viessmann's managing partner, Dr. Martin Viessmann has been made an honorary Doctor of Science by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. A leading international manufacturer of energy systems, the Viessmann Group, and its' BIOFerm™ Energy Systems subsidiary, have worked in partnership with the university for many years, establishing biogas facilities both on the University campus and at other sites in the Oshkosh area. The Americas' first high solids dry fermentation anaerobic digester (HSAD) was installed by BIOFerm at the university last year. The award-winning biogas plant composts organic material, such as food waste, from the University campus in airless storage chambers, using the methane which is produced to generate heat and electricity. Students and faculty of the university manage the operation of the plant, and have used it for multiple community-based projects.

Before receiving his surprise award, Dr Viessmann reflected on the Viessmann Group's partnership with the university in developing sustainable energy supplies: "Everything we do for sustainability is the result of

teamwork. Together, we are convinced that we can only maintain our current standard of living and preserve the natural resources for future generations, if we act sustainably.”

Both the Viessmann Group and the University of Wisconsin have been awarded for their sustainability efforts.

Viessmann was named the most sustainable brand at the German Sustainability Awards in 2011 where its ‘Efficiency Plus’ programme for increased efficiency and the use of renewable energies was commended. Wisconsin-Oshkosh is one of very few American universities to be awarded a gold certificate by the American Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

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### **About Viessmann Limited**

Viessmann Limited is part of the Viessmann Group of Companies which is one of the leading international manufacturers of heating systems. Founded in 1917, the family business is overseen by the chairmanship of Managing Partner Dr. Martin Viessmann. The Group has annual turnover of EUR 1.86 billion and employs a staff of approximately 9,600. Viessmann’s comprehensive product range encompasses all fuel types and applications, allowing it to deliver high quality, efficient and fully integrated solutions. With an output range of 1.5 to 116,000 kW, Viessmann offers oil and gas-fired boilers, solar thermal and photovoltaics, combined heat and power modules (CHP), ground, air and water sourced heat pumps and biomass boilers.

## About the University of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin was founded in 1848 in Madison. With more than 180,000 students at 26 sites and 32,000 employees, it is one of the largest universities in the United States. With four faculties and some 14,000 students Oshkosh is the third largest site, offering 73 courses.

Sustainability has traditionally played a major role at the University of Wisconsin - not only in research and teaching, but also in terms of the award-winning campus which is particularly environmentally friendly. The University of Wisconsin is one of the few universities in the United States to be awarded the Gold Certificate of the American Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education award.

With a pioneering role in building a sustainable energy supply, the University of Oshkosh has also taken the commissioning of a biogas plant. As the first facility of its kind in the Americas, she works on the principle of dry fermentation, think there's something missing here are used for energy recovery in waste materials from agriculture and food production. The long term goal is to create a CO2-neutral campus.

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