



“RECOVERING CARBON FROM CONTAMINATED MATRICES BY EXPLOITING THE NITROGEN AND SULPHUR CYCLES”

Two fresh new Open Access papers published by the RECYCLES consortium

We are glad to announce two new **RECYCLES Open Access publications**, both derived from the fruitful collaboration between our two project partners **Università degli Studi di Firenze (UNIFI)** and **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)**.

You have free access to them through the links below:

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10532-023-10017-6>

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Congratulations to the authors!

Great success on the RECYCLES mid-term meeting!

During the 15th, 16th and 17th of May 2023, the **RECYCLES Consortium** and the European Research Executive Agency's **Project Officer** met at **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** to share, discuss and evaluate the project progress, development and implementation.

Check the details of the meeting at [the RECYCLES website](#)

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ORIGINAL PAPER

Evaluating the suitability of granular anammox biomass for nitrogen removal from vegetable tannery wastewater

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Integrating thermodynamics and mathematical modelling to investigate the stoichiometry and kinetics of sulphide oxidation-nitrate reduction with a special focus on partial autotrophic denitrification

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Professor David Gabriel visits Prince of Songkla University in Thailand

David Gabriel, Professor at the Department of Chemical, Biological & Environmental Engineering of the **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)**, has visited **Prince of Songkla University (PSU)** during summer 2023. Along his research stay, different topics such as the continuation of **bioreactors development for the sulphide autotrophic denitrification** or for the **hydrogenotrophic biomethanation** have been covered, together with scientific discussions about future RECYCLES publications.

UNIFI receives the visit of Professor Boonya Charnok from PSU

Professor **Boonya Charnok** from **Prince of Songkla University (PSU)** is being seconded for 3 months and a half at **Università degli Studi di Firenze (UNIFI)**, working on the design of **novel treatment trains for wastewater treatment facilities** including resource recovery from wastewaters and sludge, evaluating the applicability and the advantages of the investigated novel treatment trains and processes **through experimental testing and data elaboration**, as foreseen in RECYCLES WP4 – Analysis of treatment trains.



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Research stay from Serena Falcioni at AERIS Tecnologías Ambientales S.L.

Serena Falcioni, shared PhD student from **Università degli Studi di Firenze** and **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**, is developing a four-month secondment in **AERIS Tecnologías Ambientales S.L.**,

aiming at **assessing the activity** and the **enrichment of PHA-accumulating microorganisms** through respirometry techniques, with the final objective of **recovering PHA from high-salinity wastewaters**.



Professor Sumate Chaiprapat and PhD student Ajchareeya Manmeen from PSU, seconded at UNIFI

As a result of the fruitful collaboration between **Prince of Songkla University (PSU)** and **Università degli Studi di Firenze (UNIFI)**, Professor **Sumate Chaiprapat** and PhD student **Ajchareeya Manmeen** have been seconded one and five months, respectively, from **PSU** to **UNIFI**. Among their tasks, Prof. **Sumate Chaiprapat** continued with the **modelling work** conducted by Prawit Kongjang during his previous secondment at **UNIFI**, while **Ajchareeya Manmeen** collaborated with Professor Giulio Munz and Serena Falcioni in the **operation and monitoring** of a bench-scale **bioreactor** for the **recovery of PHA from high-salinity wastewaters** for its further **evaluation** through **mathematical modelling**.

Francesco Pasciucco continued the development of the LCA on biological treatment trains

During spring 2023, Francesco Pasciucco, PhD student from **Università di Pisa**, has been seconded in Barcelona to collaborate with **AERIS Tecnologías Ambientales, S.L.** and **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** into implementing **Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)** and **Life Cycle Costing (LCC)** on a **RECYCLES** suggested treatment train for **combustion gases treatment and valorisation**, which consists on adding a **two-step biological process** after the absorption of **SO_x** – anaerobic sulfate reduction in a UASB reactor followed by sulfide partial oxidation in a CSTR reactor– for the **recovery of biosulfur** and the **production of biogas**.



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Next RECYCLES newsletter

The next RECYCLES newsletter will be online in January 2024, gathering all the information related to the activities performed within the RECYCLES project, stay tuned!



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