

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Gender Male | Date of birth 28/04/1951 | Nationality Swedish

WORK EXPERIENCE

1989 - **Director, Pyrolysis processing and carbon refinery products S&T engineer**

Terra Humana Ltd. H-8154 Polgardi, Gyula Manor, Hungary, www.3ragrocarbon.com

(Lang Machine Works (est. 1870, ALSTOM Corporation subsidiary) HU - SE 1989 Joint Venture, since 2001 independent).

Main activities and responsibilities:

- Company general management since 1989,
- **Pyrolysis technology applied research, development and industrial engineering,**
- **Carbon refinery product development, testing and applications,**
- **Innovative fertilizer and recovered Phosphorus development, testing and applications,**
- Coordinator and key technology designer for four large scale EU RTD and other projects since 2002,
- EU policy support manager related to EC 2003/2003 Fertilizers Regulation revision biochar case,
- Innovation dissemination and marketing,
- Financial and legal management, including technology and innovative fertilizer MS national and EU permitting.
- **EU policy support consultant for Circular Economy incentive and Fertilizers Regulation revision** (COM (2016)157, EC 2003/2003), DG Grow, JRC.
- EIP AGRI and STRUBIAS (struvite-biochar-ash) work group member (JRC).

Business or sector: Organic waste recycling industrial technology development (pyrolysis and carbon refinery specialization), industrial engineering and manufacturing

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1972 - 1978 **M.Sc. Natural and Environmental sciences**

University of Lund, Sweden

Pyrolysis processing and carbon products industrial engineering, manufacturing and applications in the agricultural, environmental and energetic sectors

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Swedish

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Hungarian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills **Cooperative team worker - team leader – team organizer**; good adaptation ability to **multicultural** environments that is gained through my work experience in several EU countries; **good communication skills** gained through my experience as EU RTD project coordinator since 2002.

Organisational / managerial skills Excellent organizer with leadership character, **good experience in team and project management** (EU research coordination of scientific and industrial teams organized with teams 12 – 50 people per project); good experience in logistics; experienced organizer of industrial engineering and industrial construction works.

Technical skills Very focused, specialized and exceptional high competence in the fields of pyrolysis industrial technology engineering, carbon refinery, biochar products, innovative nutrient recovery, BIO-NPK-C fertilizer formulations; including quality, analytics, safety, legal/permit, environmental/climate, economical and market/user aspects. High competence to convert science into legalized industrial practice and to meet market demands and users requirements.

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

Other skills Building and construction of houses and industrial buildings, Authority permit documentation, animal welfare and horse keeping.

Driving licence A BE CE DE (professional driving licence for all and any vehicles, incl. military in Sweden)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Experience has acquired at EU and international level

International leading scientific and industrial engineering expert in bio-waste and industrial scale biochar added value processing; valorisation and reuse applications by zero emission pyrolysis and integrated biotech means; innovative fertilizer Phosphorous and Nitrogen nutrient recycling; and restoration of soil natural balance.

Edward Someus/Terra Humana Ltd. is **an expert member of the EIP-AGRI** (run by the European Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development) **Nutrient Recycling Focus Group**. (<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/nutrient-recycling>). Member of the STRUBIAS (struvite-biochar-ash) work group organized by the European Commission (2016-2018).

Since 2002, Edward Someus has coordinated multiple international research and development programs (EU FP5, EUFP6, EUFP7, CIP-Ecoinnovation) in the specific field of carbon refinery and phosphorus recovery. Edward Someus is inventor of the "3R" Recycle-Reduce-Reuse zero emission advanced pyrolysis technology. The flagship project, REFERTIL (www.refertil.info), is recovering phosphorus and other nutrients from bio-waste via pyrolysis technology and biochar biotechnological formulation. The 3R carbon refinery and phosphorus recovery field pilot plant has been implemented in West Hungary. REFERTIL [refertil.info](http://www.refertil.info), led by Someus providing strong policy support to reinforce interaction between policies, initiatives/economic sectors for circular bioeconomy and EU Fertilisers Regulation revision biochar/Phosphorus recovery/compost cases.

Membership in platforms/organisations:

- European Biochar Research Network (eBRN), **Cost Action Biochar** (TD1107), **official national representative**, cost.european-biochar.org (2011-2016)
- European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform, phosphorusplatform.eu
- Sustainable Phosphorus Platform, forum/sustainablephosphorusplatform
- TP organics Technology Platforms, tporganics.eu
- BIOREFINE cluster, <http://biorefine.eu>, Interconnecting projects/people for nutrient cycling years
- Member/active participation in the Hungarian Biomass cluster; Competitive Vegetable production cluster; FAO, Global Soil Partnership

Interest

- Development of quality/safety standards for Fertiliser Regulation revision. Development of process and product criteria for biochar.
- Identify-list-assess technologies to process different organic sources (biowaste/byproducts) for recovery of nutrients especially N/P.
- Assess the agronomic value of the derived products: nutrient content/availability, application rate, impacts on soils physical/biological properties.
- Assess the environmental safety of the derived products (quality, contaminants loads to soil/water environment linked to the application doses).
- Identification of tools/instruments to help farmers to better evaluate, select/measure the nutrient content/availability for crops and recommendations (best practice guide).
- Analyse economic/technical factors that stimulate or limit the use of these recovered nutrient products in agriculture and indicate how to address them exploring the role of innovation/knowledge transfer.
- Determination of strategies to adapt recovered nutrient products to market demands.
- List of successful business cases that already exist at farm level, local/regional scale. Identification of research needs from practice, gaps in technical knowledge/further research to address nutrient recovery technologies.
- Suggest innovative technologies/solutions/products/projects.

Specific projects/tasks has been involved

REFERTIL: Reducing mineral fertilisers and chemicals use in agriculture by recycling treated organic waste as compost and bio-char products.

Objective: EU legislation support by definition of improved compost and biochar standards in the EU27.

Project Duration: 48 months, **Starting date:** October 1, 2011.

Programme: European Union 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013), FP7-KBBE-2011.1.2-02

Role in the project: Coordinator, science and technology core work senior engineering

Contract/reference number: 289785, **Project status:** Successfully completed

Project website: www.refertil.info

ECO-ZEO - Developing a pool of novel and eco-efficient applications of zeolite for agriculture sector

Project Duration: 48 months (2012-2016)

Programme: European Union Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013)

Role in the project: Partner

Contract/reference number: 282865, Project status: Successfully completed

EUPHOROS - Efficient use of inputs in protected horticulture

Project Duration: 48 months (2008-2012)

Programme: European Union Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013), FP7-KBBE-2007-1

Role in the project: Partner, **Contract/reference number:** 211457,

Project status: Successfully completed

PROTECTOR, Contract Reference number: ECO/08/238984/ SI2.532247

Programme: CIP Eco-innovation, Project Duration: 48 months (2009-2012)

Role: coordinator and key technology scientific RTD and industrial designer, Phosphorous recycling

Project status: Successfully completed

PROTECTOR - Recycling and upgrading of bonemeal for environmentally friendly crop protection and nutrition, **Project Duration:** 42 months (2005-2008).

Programme: European Union Sixth Framework Programme (2002-2006), Action: FOOD-2003-T6.6 Recycling and upgrading organic wastes from the food chain in environmentally friendly healthy food production

Role in the project: Coordinator, science and technology core work senior engineering

Contract/reference number: FOOD-CT-2005-514082, **Project status:** Successfully completed

TDT-3R MULTI FUEL - "Multi Fuel Operated Integrated Clean Energy Process: Thermal Desorption Recycle-Reduce-Reuse Technology"

Project Duration: 36 months (2002-2005).

Programme: European Union Fifth Framework Programme (1998-2002) - Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development specific programme

Role in the project: Coordinator and key technology designer

Contract/reference number: EU FP5-NNE5-363-2001

Project status: Successfully finished

- EU policy and law harmonization development supporter for the European Commission in the fields of Circular Economy and Fertilizers Regulation revision, work group member of the STRUBIAS (struvite-biochar-ash product developments – managed by DG GROW – JRC Sevilla) and EI-AGRI, in the specialized fields of biochar and bio-phosphate recovery cases.

Works has published on nutrient recovery

- Edward Someus, Massimo Pugliese, Joeke Postma, Henning von Alten, Lea Lavric, REFERTIL-COMPOST AND BIOCHAR TESTING, [BioRefine Bulletin, 2015 Issue 3](#).
- J. Postma, F. Clematis, E. H. Nijhuis, E. Someus, Efficacy of four phosphate-mobilizing bacteria applied with an animal bone charcoal formulation in controlling *Pythium aphanidermatum* and *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *radicis lycopersici* in tomato, Elsevier, Biological Control 67 (2013) 284–291, 19 July 2013, www.elsevier.com/locate/ybcon
- Ferenc Lónyi, József Valyon, Edward Someus, Jenő Hancsók, Steam reforming of bio-oil from pyrolysis of MBM over particulate and monolith supported Ni/γ-Al₂O₃ catalyst, Fuel 10/2013; 112:23–30. DOI:10.1016/j.fuel.2013.05.010
- Postma J., Nijhuis E.H., Sommeus E., 2010. Selection of phosphorus solubilizing bacteria with biocontrol potential for growth in phosphorus rich animal bone charcoal. Applied Soil Ecology, www.elsevier.com/locate/apsoil
- G. P. Warren, J.S. Robinson and E. Someus, Dissolution of phosphorus from animal bone char in 12 soils, Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems, Volume 84, Number 2/ Jun, 2009, Springer Netherlands. <http://www.springerlink.com/content/4876u47123372264/>
- E. Someus, Food crop mineral deficiency and disturbance stress mitigation in temperate climatic regions by economical and environmental valorization of agricultural by-products, Nova Science, New York, 2009. Web: https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=8372
- E Someus, "Plant derived feed additive: recent scientific results and regulatory development, successful EU projects and partners for scientific cooperation" FEED –SEG Symposium, January 14-15, 2008, Hungary, <http://www.matchmaking.at/feedseg/>
- E. Someus, "TOWARDS ZERO EMISSION: Economical Conversion of Low-grade Coal to Clean Coal by Low Temperature Carbonization Pretreatment Process" Twenty-seventh Annual International Conference on Thermal Treatment Technologies; May 12-16, 2008, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Air & Waste Management Association, USA, University of Maryland, USA, United States Department of Energy. www.awma.org/, <http://www.awma.org/go/it308>.
- J. Kruse, P. Leinweber, F. Godlinski, E. Someus, "Speciation and quantification of inorganic and organic P forms in environmental samples by P L-edge XANES" University of Rostock, Germany, Agriculture & Agrifood Canada, Lethbridge Research Station.
- Postma, E. Nijhuis, F. Clematis, E. Someus "A new carrier for biocontrol agents", Wageningen University Research, Plant Research International B.V, P.O. Building nr. 107, Droevendaalsesteeg 1, 6708 PB Wageningen, The Netherlands.
- Someus, "3R biotechnology integrated industrialized biochar production" 2008 Conference of the International Biochar Initiative, Biochar, Sustainability and Security in a Changing Climate, Newcastle, United Kingdom, September 8-10, 2008, www.biochar-international.org
- J Postma, E Nijhuis, F Clematis, E Someus, "Recycling and upgrading of bone meal for environmentally friendly crop protection and phosphate fertilization" ORBIT Conference, October 13-15, 2008, Moving Organic Waste Recycling Towards Resource Management and for the Biobased Economy, Wageningen, The Netherlands. Wageningen University Research, Plant Research International B.V, P.O. Building nr. 107, Droevendaalsesteeg 1, 6708 PB Wageningen, The Netherlands <http://www.orbit2008.de>
- C Baum, P Leinweber, K Eckhardt, E Someus, M Halasz, "Auswirkungen der Applikation von mit *Trichoderma harzianum* inokulierter Knochenkohle auf die mikrobielle Biomasse, Enzymaktivitäten und die Zusammensetzung der organischen Substanz des Bodens (Effects of the application of animal bone charcoal inoculated with *Trichoderma harzianum* on the soil microbial biomass, enzyme activities and the composition of soil organic matter), German Community of Soil Science Conference in Osnabrueck, February 25, 2008.
- M Polgari, J Hein, M Toth, A Brukner-Wein, T Vigh, E Someus, M Halasz, L Biro, "Genesis of a regionally extensive celadonitic chert/ironstone bed overlying Upper Lias Manganese deposits" (SED-2007-OM-176), Sedimentology, International Association of Sedimentologists.

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- [Edward Someus, Animal Bone bioChar as concentrated organic Phosphorus fertiliser, European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference - March 5-6, 2015, Berlin, Germany, Conference booklet](#)
- [REFERTIL project factsheet, Circular approaches to phosphorus: from research to deployment, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, 2015. Summary report of the workshop "Circular approaches to phosphorus: from research to deployment"](#)
- Edward Someus, REFERTIL: Recycling and economical reuse of concentrated "ABC" Animal Bone bioChar organic phosphorus fertiliser natural product in horticulture; International conferences on Innovative Technologies in organic horticultural production, October 22-24, 2014 Skierniewice, Poland, Book of abstracts, Research Institute of horticulture. [Conference Book of Abstracts \(page 27\)](#)
- [Edward Someus, REFERTIL: biochar policy support and economic aspects in the EU](#); Green Carbon Conference, 1-3 April, 2014, Brussels, Belgium, Book of abstract, ISBN-10: 84-695-9850-3, p.72
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- Edward Someus: REFERTIL - Compost and biochar EU28 standardization for low carbon economy and reducing mineral fertilisers/chemicals use in agriculture (presentation); Bridge-BioBased Public Private Partnership, Stakeholder event, 4th July, 2013, Budapest, Hungary
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