

# Business meets science

Following on from the successful event in 2006, EuroBiO returns to Lille this year, bringing together all stakeholders from the European and international bioscience industry.

**E**uroBiO 2007 will be back in Lille, France, from 26 to 28 September, once again proving itself a valuable asset in bringing together stakeholders from the bioscience industry. EuroBiO also strives to be a platform for exchanging knowledge in the various fields of biotechnology applications – for example, human and animal healthcare and therapeutics/diagnosis. Biotech and life sciences companies have already proved to be key links between these fields of application, and they will continue to deliver groundbreaking innovations.

Bringing together researchers, business developers, funding organisations, recruitment agencies and many other sector specialists, EuroBiO is the meeting place for business and the scientific community, where dialogue can take place between all stakeholders. Private public partnerships and B2B alliances are fuelling the sector's growth and driving the success of innovative biotech projects.

Over the last few years, a number of programmes for financing similar collaborative projects have emerged, such as the Kompetenznetze in Germany and the aEi programme in Spain. European research and scientific development needs EuroBiO to maintain its visibility on the international stage and shape the sector's future in both the short and long term.

## Four pillars of industry

The conference programme will focus on the biotech industry from four main angles, aimed at informing attendees of the latest trends in the biotech industry.

*Biotech economy and business development.* Areas covered in this sector include:

- How to succeed in the IPO process
- Company check up before an IPO: ready to float?
- What are the big pharmaceutical companies looking at for in-licensing or acquisition?
- Biotech to biotech: strategic and economic alliances 2007
- Traps and solutions in the definition of term sheets
- A look at 2007 early-stage investments in Europe
- Bioremediation of soils/water (phytoremediation and bioremediation)
- Nutrigenomics: recent scientific advances
- Micro-organisms and functional food: innovation in inflammation prevention (pre/probiotics)
- Food, agriculture and animal: innovative products from genomic research
- Plant and animal-based recombinant products

*Red biotech.* Topics covered in this event include:

- Therapeutic innovations against cancer and the immune system
- Therapeutic and preventive vaccines applications of glycobiology/glycodrugs
- Cardiometabolic disease: innovation pipeline review, including the multimodal drugs model
- Nanobiotech applications in drug delivery, linking biotech and medtech
- Use of biomarkers for the optimisation of clinical trials.
- Regenerative medicine, main cell therapy and organ-regeneration breakthroughs in Europe in 2007
- Early-stage drug candidates in the field of Alzheimer's disease

*White and green biotech.* This programme looks at:

- Biorefinery: bio-based products (biopolymers) and energy
- Bioprocesses: design and development of large-scale processes
- Biocatalysis (enzymes and micro-organisms for organic synthesis in the chemical industry

*Regulatory affairs/IP/Technology transfer.* Issues covered, include:

- Technology transfer: from academia to big companies, who finances the proof of concept?
- What level of maturity is required to succeed in the out-licensing process?
- The evolution of European regulations for biotech patents, including comparisons with the US and Asia
- Different out-licensing approaches, from academia to young companies
- Biobanks: current bioethics and organisational issues
- International property and alliances: issues to remember in the prenuptial agreement
- Competitiveness clusters: the French collaborative research and equivalent models

## Business opportunities

The exhibition gathers more than 350 exhibitors including large corporations, biotech and pharma businesses, agrifood companies, diagnostics companies, start-ups, suppliers and consultants, and research institutions.

EuroBiOpartnering is the event's business convention, bringing together international decision-makers from the life sciences, pharmaceutical and financial

sectors. For the last six years, collaborations developed at the EuroBiO business convention have produced successful business partnerships. It is dedicated to start-up and mature companies, for technology transfer organisations and investors.

Using one-to-one meetings, EuroBiOpartnering features key players such as, technology transfer managers, *in vitro* and *in vivo* suppliers, preclinical and clinical CROs, legal and regulatory affairs specialists, patent lawyers and business advisers.

For start-up companies, this event is ideal for business-development leads, while mature companies can identify partnering opportunities, spot emerging trends and evaluate growth operations.

## Career fair

The EuroBiO Career Fair offers a tremendous opportunity to bring together companies with jobseekers and universities. It covers both industry (including biotech, pharma, diagnostics and agrifood) and academia.

The primary aim of the career fair is to help postgraduate-level personnel (who have a Master's degree with two years relevant work experience – PhD level or near completion) to find positions in Europe, either in their domestic market or abroad. **END**

## Further information

For more information about EuroBiO 2007, visit: [www.eurobio-event.com](http://www.eurobio-event.com)