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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2009

- ▶ 4/4: **Europe-Africa Frontier Research Conference Series: Infectious Diseases** (South Africa)
- ▶ 27/4: **Making IPR work for SMEs** (Belgium)
- ▶ 27/4: **SMEs go Health International Information and Training Workshop** (Turkey)

May 2009

- ▶ 6/5: **First European SME Week** (Belgium)
- ▶ 8/5: **5th International Greek Biotechnology Forum (IGBF5)** (Greece)
- ▶ 28/5: **8th European Forum for Science and Technology** (Czech Republic)

June 2009

- ▶ 4/6: **The Health Brokerage Event 2009** (Czech Republic)
- ▶ 12/6: **IFF- The first International Funding Forum** (Switzerland)
- ▶ 14/6: **VIII European Symposium of the Protein Society** (Switzerland)

July 2009

- ▶ 4/7: **34th FEBS Congress - Life's molecular interactions** (Czech Republic)

August 2009

- ▶ 25/8: **XII International Symposium on Blood Substitutes** (Italy)

September 2009

- ▶ 23/9: **EuroBio 2009** (France)
- ▶ 30/9: **Baltic Dynamics 2009** (Lithuania)

October 2009

- ▶ 5/10: **Conference "From the European Charter for Small Enterprises to the Small Business Act"** (Sweden)

A calendar of events is available on our website www.smesgohealth.org

Announcement - SMEs go Health's 4th Information and Training Workshop in Istanbul



SMEs go Health will organize its 4th Information and Training Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey, on 27 April 2009 at the occasion of the 12th World Public Health Conference.

The training day is expected to attract many European and international representatives of academia, SMEs and other institutions. The audience will have a chance to get high-quality information and first-hand-tips provided by the European Commission and other experts in the field with practical experiences, such as project coordinators, evaluators and National Contact Points.

The one day programme is composed of presentations on the 7th Framework Programme and the Health theme, containing information on successful proposal preparation, evaluation procedures, success stories and specific information on upcoming initiatives in the area of Health. Especially the testimonies from SMEs and Academia in the FP projects

grouping 29 expert organisations in Europe to support successful SMEs' participation in FP7.

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are expected to be an attractive part of the programme.

The participation is free of charge but if you want to participate in the event, please [register here](#).

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Announcement - The Health Brokerage Event 2009, Prague, 4th June 2009



The brokerage event 2009 in the run-up phase of the opening of the 4th Health call will be jointly organized by SMEs go Health and the Health-NCP-Net on 4th of June

in Prague, Prague Congress Centre.

The brokerage event is organized for companies, research institutes, universities, hospitals and other actors in the sectors of health, life sciences, genomics and biotechnology.

The brokerage event offers a brilliant opportunity to bring SMEs, academia and other research institutions together from all over Europe aiming at initiating cooperation for joint research projects for the upcoming 4th HEALTH Call. During the morning session, the participants will profit from very interesting presentations given by experts. In the afternoon, the participants will have the opportunity to take part in bilateral meetings that will be arranged prior to the event via a specific online matching tool.

The event will take place at the occasion of the 4th Euronanoforum 2009. For more information on the Forum, see: www.euronanoforum2009.eu

More information on registration and accommodation will be announced soon on the SMEs go Health website.

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Announcement - Cooperation in Research and Development: Where and how to Apply for Funding Successfully?



On 12 and 13 June 2009 the first International Funding Forum (IFF) will take place at the Technopark Zurich in Switzerland. Researchers, donors and industry specialists from across Europe will come together and will receive first hand information about the known and new sources of funding available for all stages, from basic research to corporate finance of start-up or spin-off companies. They will also receive intensive courses on the main aspects of research management.

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OPEN CALLS & PARTNER SEARCHES

Fourth call for FP7 Health theme expected to be published in July 2009

The fourth call for the FP7 Health theme is expected to be issued by the end of July 2009 or possibly later. Actually, the calls for the majority of the Cooperation themes will be published on the same day, as it was done last year.

Two calls for the Health theme will be published:

- single-stage for most of the topics of the Work Programme
- two-stage for certain topics only (topics with a broader focus, e.g. systems biology, human development and ageing, translating the results of clinical research outcome into clinical practice).

As announced there will be several topics open in the area of cancer research (closed in the third call). The deadline for proposals submission should be around November/December 2009 (single-stage and first part of two-stage). Further information about the work programme, the research topics and the rules for applicants can be found on the CORDIS link below.

In due time, more information on the 4th Call will be published on this website as well:

Ambient Assisted Living call for proposals published



The Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme has launched its second call for proposals.

It is dedicated to 'Information and communication technology (ICT) based solutions for the advancement of social interaction of elderly people'. Thus, project ideas submitted should aim to help people to stay active and socially connected as they age.

The core of the AAL programme, which figures among the European Commission's Article 169 initiatives, is to provide innovative ICT-based solutions for the elderly. This includes products, systems and services addressing the needs and the wishes of the end-users.

The total indicative funding amounts to EUR 60.9 million, to which the European Commission contributes EUR 23 million.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.aal-europe.eu>

Universal Biotech Innovation Grant

The Universal Biotech Innovation Grant encourages innovative talent and the development of new processes or products in the biotechnology industries sector.

The emphasis for the 2009 Universal Biotech Innovation Grant will be placed on **therapeutic innovation**.

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ICT PSP - 3rd Call for Proposals

This call for proposals is based on the 2009 ICT PSP work programme. 99.5 million Euro of EU funding is available under this third call for proposals.

The ICT PSP aims to stimulate innovation and competitiveness and accelerate the development of a sustainable, competitive, innovative and inclusive information society. It supports activities to accelerate innovation and implementation of ICT based services and systems through the wider uptake and best use of ICT and the exploitation of digital content by citizens, governments and businesses.

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Cancer Biomarkers: Call for projects

The Foundation *Fournier-Majoie pour l'Innovation (FFMI)*, founded in Belgium in 2006, has launched its third call for projects in order to support, from the initiation stage, entrepreneurs personally committed to promoting innovative projects aimed at delivering improvements in the health and welfare of human beings. The call is supported by the Centre for Philanthropy of the Belgian *King Baudouin Foundation*.

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ERASMUS for SMEs has been launched

The general objective of Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is to facilitate exchanges of experience, learning and networking for new EU entrepreneurs by means of working with an experienced entrepreneur for up to 6 months in another EU country. The new entrepreneur will gain relevant know-how and skills for managing a small or medium-sized enterprise and learn about European commercial law and the single European market, European standardisation and European support for SMEs.

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OTHER PROJECTS

SM-BIO-POWER



SM-BIO-POWER empowers SMEs in biomedical engineering to participate in EU research. The consortium of ten partners helps SMEs to get their voice heard at the European Commission and gain international visibility for their company. SM-BIO-POWER also provides information on the latest trends in EU support for biomedical engineering research together with best practice examples from other SMEs in EU projects. An online helpdesk is available for registered users as is personal assistance in identifying funding opportunities and project partners. Personalised updates include selected information such as call alerts, partner searches and consortia and project opportunities. All SM-BIO-POWER services and information are offered for free. Registration is open at www.smbiopower.eu.

You are invited to join this growing community, free-of-charge. Registration is open at www.smbiopower.eu

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NEW PROFILES / SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH PROFILES

Health research excellence in the spotlight: Estonia

In our newsletters, we present key research and innovation actors in the "Health" area of European Member States, Associated Countries and Candidate Countries. In this newsletter, we are introducing several Estonian researchers and SMEs willing to participate in FP7 research projects. We invite you to learn more about the expertise of potential new partners for your FP7 projects!

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TIPS & TRICKS TO TAKE PART IN FP7

Overview of the participation in the third HEALTH call

The third HEALTH call for proposals closed on the 3rd of December 2008: a total of 679 proposals have been successfully uploaded through the EPSS System. The European Commission, following the rules of participation in FP7, did not accept any additional material after the deadline of the call (3 December 2008, 17.00 Brussels time).

- For the single-stage call, 531 proposals were submitted, of which 14 have been deemed ineligible;
- For the two-stage call, 148 proposals were submitted, of which 3 have been deemed ineligible.

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Some advices on how to write a stage 1 proposal in FP7

This article reminds what important elements of one or two-stage submission procedures and what are the crucial evaluation criteria to take into account in your proposal.

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FORCE – web-based Form C Editor is mandatory for FP7 projects!

In the context of the FP6/FP7 project reporting, a financial statement for each period of reporting has to be submitted through a 'Form C' (annex VI to the FP7 grant agreement). Until now, the Forms C were submitted through an excel sheet.

A new web based application called **FORCE** has been introduced, allowing coordinators to access, complete and submit forms C (in a later version individual beneficiaries will be able to view, edit and print their own Form C).

For FP6 projects, it is still possible to submit Forms C through an excel sheet, but it is highly recommended to use FORCE also for FP6. For FP7 projects, it is mandatory to use the web based application FORCE to submit a 'Form C'. FORCE is now accessible via the web based application called 'SESAM', at the following address: <http://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sesam>.

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SUCCESS STORIES / QUOTES FROM CLIENTS

Success Story from Germany

SMEs might often feel discouraged to participate in FP7-projects, because they apprehend the complexity of European projects and the associated administrative burden. The SMEs go Health project has recently published 5 success stories demonstrating that it is not only feasible, but potentially very beneficial for SMEs to participate in FP7-projects.

The German company ProteoSys AG is one of them. This systems biology company was founded in March 2000 in Mainz and Tübingen between scientists from the cell biology and proteomics fields and from the engineering and physical sciences, financed by private and institutional investors.

Mr Bucher from Proteosys stresses in his interview that, even though a good administration is essential and requires some precious time, science remains the most important aspect of the project. Especially since the project also foresees a good administrative support and other support structures can be used by the partners, e.g. the National Contact Points. In conclusion, when duly prepared, the administration should not pose a problem.

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Conference report - SMEs go Health present at Brussels workshop on 26 February 2009



Under the headline "Maximising outcomes of EU-funded research projects – tools for success", the European Commission has invited small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and other interested parties in health research to Brussels on 26 February to get informed about SME participation in Health research.

The event, which was organised by the Health Research Directorate, was very well attended and provided a lot of useful information about EU support mechanisms available for SMEs. Besides attending the interesting presentations, participants had the opportunity to visit a small fair with relevant associations and support structures in a relaxed atmosphere during the lunch and coffee breaks.

The SMEs go Health-project was present at the fair with a booth, where its coordinator, Ms Ines Haberl from the Austrian FFG, and some other consortium members informed visitors about the project's activities and services to support SMEs in Health Research.

The large interest in the project at the fair was impressive and the team enjoyed the informative discussions and fruitful exchange of ideas with the visitors.

The SMEs go Health consortium takes this opportunity to thank the organising Health Research Directorate, in particular its scientific officer Ms Ludovica Serafini, for being invited to this encouraging event.

The presentations from the workshop can be found on: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/sme_en.html

If you would also like to talk to one of the partners of the project or know more about upcoming events relevant to SMEs and Health Research, please consult our website under "Contact us" or "Events".

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