

**BioBridge's 25th Anniversary year 2014**

## **Marine Bioresources Interested Colleagues**

**NEWS BULLETIN May 2014**

News from the Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET which followed the preparatory action CSA MarineBiotech project <http://www.marinebiotech.eu> which was managed by **BioBridge**:

### **ERA-MarineBiotech kick off**

meeting was held in Lillehammer on the 30th and 31st January 2014. Representatives of each of the 19 partner institutions from the 14 countries that form the ERA-MarineBiotech consortium, and representatives from the European Commission DG MARE, attended the meeting. For more information on this ERA-NET please visit <http://www.marinebiotech.eu/> and for the kick off meeting report <http://www.marinebiotech.eu/kick-meeting-era-marinebiotech>

### **ERA-MarineBiotech LinkedIn group**

A LinkedIn communication group has been established to support exchanges between students, academics, the industry, policy makers, national funding bodies and other stakeholders to highlight opportunities for interlinkage and collaboration. All are welcome to join this group to make and receive contributions on interesting research activities, courses and job vacancies, policy documents, etc

Please visit [http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Marine-Biotechnology-ERANET-7486416?trkInfo=VSRPsearchId&trk=vsrp\\_groups\\_res\\_name&gid=7486416](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Marine-Biotechnology-ERANET-7486416?trkInfo=VSRPsearchId&trk=vsrp_groups_res_name&gid=7486416)

News from the PharmaSea project in which **BioBridge** is a partner:

### **PharmaSea – Open Scientific meeting**

The PharmaSea project's 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly at the Stazione Zoologica 'Anton Dohrn' in Naples, Italy, 7–9 Sept 2014. Part of the meeting is **open to potential end users and other parties with an interest in the discovery of new chemical entities from marine microorganisms with potential pharmaceutical, cosmeceutical or nutraceutical applications**. For more information please visit [www.pharma-sea.eu](http://www.pharma-sea.eu)

### **PharmaSea workshop at EFIB 2014**

PharmaSea will hold a full day conference 'Building Blue Biotech Capacity in Europe' on 30 Sept 2014, Reims, France, the day before EFIB main sessions begin. For more information please visit <http://www.efibforum.com/workshops.aspx>. Contact **BioBridge** if you wish to attend.

PharmaSea presented at the conference "The Ocean of Tomorrow projects: what results so far?" in Brussels on 26 March 2014. All presentations are now available at [http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/fish/news-events/news/20140326\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/fish/news-events/news/20140326_en.htm)

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### **Other news**

#### **Horizon 2020- The SME instrument**

##### **Funding available for SMEs**

Provided with about € 3 billion in funding over the period 2014-2020, the SME Instrument helps high-potential SMEs to develop groundbreaking innovative ideas for products, services or processes that are ready to face global market competition. For more information please visit

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/sme-instrument>

#### **6 Algal SPARK Awards announced**

**Deadline for applications : Midnight Thursday 26th June 2014**

The Algal Bioenergy Special Interest Group (AB SIG), through the Knowledge Transfer Network, has announced 6 Algal SPARK Awards. These are being funded by the UK Natural Environmental Research Council as a means to encourage new collaborations between the research community and industry.

The grants are of a **fixed value of £5,000** (plus any applicable VAT) and are awarded to the research partner to tackle a problem relevant to the SME.

Projects must be in the area of **Algal Biotechnology and Bioenergy** and focus on **Ecosystem Services**.

The scheme is designed to provide quick approval with minimal bureaucracy.

For more information and online application please visit

[https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/algal-biotechnology-special-interest-group/algal-spark-awards?utm\\_source=Algal+Bioenergy+SIG&utm\\_campaign=0879ab86ba-ABSIG+SPARKs+2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4c99496c4c-0879ab86ba-311435737](https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/algal-biotechnology-special-interest-group/algal-spark-awards?utm_source=Algal+Bioenergy+SIG&utm_campaign=0879ab86ba-ABSIG+SPARKs+2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4c99496c4c-0879ab86ba-311435737)

#### **EU Blue Biotech Survey**

In November 2013 the European Commission launched a public consultation on marine biotechnology. Contributions were submitted by using an online questionnaire. The consultation closed on 10 February

2014. Results aren't yet available but please keep an eye out for publication, via the EC web-site

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs\\_fisheries/consultations/marine-biotechnology/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/consultations/marine-biotechnology/index_en.htm)

#### **Fellowship for PhD students - Italy**

The Italian Government has launched Fellowship for PhD students, early career researchers and students in general for spending up to 9 months' period in Italy. For more information please contact Dr.

Donatella de Pascale, Researcher National Research Council, Naples [d.depascale@ibp.cnr.it](mailto:d.depascale@ibp.cnr.it)

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***Dates for your diary***

**Consumer Products through Industrial Biotechnology across the Value Chain**  
5 June 2014, Manchester

[https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/industrial-biotechnology/events-view?p\\_p\\_auth=TX7ExE26&p\\_p\\_id=8&p\\_p\\_lifecycle=0&p\\_p\\_state=normal&p\\_p\\_mode=view&\\_struts\\_action=%2Fcalendar%2Fview\\_event&\\_struts\\_eventId=12056257](https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/industrial-biotechnology/events-view?p_p_auth=TX7ExE26&p_p_id=8&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=normal&p_p_mode=view&_struts_action=%2Fcalendar%2Fview_event&_struts_eventId=12056257)

**4th UK Algae conference**

17 June 2014 Cranfield University, Bedfordshire

<https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/about/events/listings/events-2014/4th-uk-algae-conference.html>

**16th European Congress on Biotechnology 13-16 July 2014, Edinburgh**

<http://www.ecb16.com/>

**Synthetic biology of antibiotic production II**

30 Aug-4 Sept 2014 in Sant Feliu de Guixols, Barcelona Spain

ESF-EMBO conference: <http://syntheticbio.esf.org/>

**PharmaSea – Open Scientific meeting**

7– 9 Sept 2014 Naples, Italy. [www.pharma-sea.eu](http://www.pharma-sea.eu)

**EFIB 2014**

30 Sept-2 Oct 2014, Reims, France

7th European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology and the Biobased Economy

<http://www.efibforum.com/home.aspx>

Pre-conference workshop by the PharmaSea project on 30 September

<http://www.efibforum.com/workshops.aspx>

**‘Rendezvous de Concarneau - where Industry meets Science’.**

9-10 Oct 2014 in Concarneau France, as part of European Biotechnology Week

<http://concarneau.mnhn.fr/node/429>

**BioMarine 2014 Business Convention, 30-31 Oct 2014 in Cascais, Portugal**

<http://www.biomarine.org/cascais-2014/>

**Natural Product Biotechnology 2014, 18-20 Nov 2014 in Inverness, Scotland** <http://icnpb.org/>

**BIOPROSP\_15** 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Marine Bioprospecting **18-20 Feb 2015, Tromsø, Norway**

Contact [info@bioprosp.com](mailto:info@bioprosp.com) to make sure you are on the list of potential attendees

**9<sup>th</sup> ECMNP (European Conference of Marine Natural Products) 24-28 Aug 2015, Glasgow, Scotland**

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