

Marine Bioresources Interested Colleagues  
**NEWS BULLETIN October-December 2013**

*With our good wishes for the festive season! Thank you for your support during 2013.  
We look forward to staying in touch in 2014*



**EFIB 2013**

BioBridge organised a workshop on behalf of the PharmaSea EU-supported project  
To read the review of EFIB 2013 please visit the website <http://www.efibforum.com/home.aspx>

BioBridge attended the General Assembly of the PharmaSea project, now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year.  
For more information please contact BioBridge or visit the project website <http://www.pharma-sea.eu/>

Meredith Lloyd-Evans is speaking at the Genesis conference in London on December 12<sup>th</sup>, on Natural Products with an emphasis on marine bioresources – see <http://www.genesisconference.com/programme-sessions/>

BioBridge now has a Twitter account and you're welcome to 'follow' us @BioBridgespeaks

**Other news**

**Public consultation on marine biotechnology**

We would encourage you to contribute at  
[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)

International Bioenergy Conference, 11-13 March 2014, Manchester  
Showcase event for sustainable bioenergy research and development, including algae for bioenergy.  
Supported by the UK Research Councils, the UK TSB and the Algal Bioenergy Special Interest Group (AB-SIG).

**The deadline for abstract submissions is 16 December 2013.**

To showcase UK bioenergy research in a global context and bring together world-class researchers, policy makers, industrialists and other related stakeholders. It will include high profile plenary keynote speakers, subject-specific break-out sessions, workshops and poster presentations.  
A bursary may be available to UK based SMEs who work with algae. For further information contact Michele Stanley (Director of Algal Bioenergy Special Interest Group)

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For more information and registration please visit [www.bioenergy2014.co.ukRegister](http://www.bioenergy2014.co.ukRegister)

**Early bird discounts if you book before 6 December 2013**

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**Bioenergy Sustaining the Future (BESTF) call for proposals**

is a European initiative aiming to encourage the commercialisation of bioenergy projects and increase renewable energy production across the EU. There will be a single call for proposals expected to open in December 2013 and close in March 2014 with first projects commencing from January 2015.

Further information at <http://eranetbestf.net/two/>

**The British High Commission in New Zealand has announced that it will host a UK-to-NZ mission in Biotechnology and Agricultural Technology in April 2014** to coincide with NZBIO conference

([www.nzbio.org.nz](http://www.nzbio.org.nz)) in Auckland, New Zealand, April 28-30, 2014. The High Commission is cooperating with the conference organisers on this mission; registration details via the web-site soon.

Up to £1500 support will be available to **R&D participants who seek to pursue a commercially-orientated collaboration** with NZ (on a first-come basis for those who qualify). The High Commission, in collaboration with the conference organisers, will host a UK-NZ workshop during the conference or the day before or after (TBA), where participants may make their own pitches and enter into personal discussions on potential collaborations with New Zealand organisations.

Please respond to these questions and e-mail [Steve.Thompson@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Thompson@fco.gov.uk) if you would be interested to join the mission. Questions for UK applicants: 1 Name and position of applicant. 2 Organisation name and address. 3 Nature of organisation's business and R&D interest. 4 Organisations you would like to meet in New Zealand. 5 Your 'pitch' at a mission workshop: Please give a title or topic. 6 Any other comments.

**The European Society for Marine Biotechnology (ESMB)**

Will be launching a new website. We will keep our readers informed

***Dates for your diary***

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar**

**Biofuels: the 2020 targets, ILUC and looking forward to 2030**

**13 February 2014, London**

[http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/index.php?fid=westminster\\_energy\\_environment\\_and\\_transport\\_forum](http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/index.php?fid=westminster_energy_environment_and_transport_forum)

**Alg'n' Chem 2014 - Which future for algae in industry?**

**31 March – 3 April, 2014 - Montpellier, France**

international conference aims at promoting public and private research and development for the valuation of algae (macro and micro-organisms).

**Deadline for abstracts extended to December 15th, 2013**

More information at [www.ffc-asso.fr/algchem](http://www.ffc-asso.fr/algchem)

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

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