

Marine Bioresources Interested Colleagues
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BioBridge's 25th Anniversary

2014 is a year to celebrate at BioBridge
as BioBridge Ltd will be 25 years old.

BioBridge® was founded in 1989 to address challenges to commercialisation for innovations in biosciences. We help our clients, public organisations, private companies and innovation-generators through the entire product chain, discovery development to market entry and maintenance, including due diligence for investors. Our achievements are in all bioscience sectors.

Current work includes monitoring, expert oversight and support for publicly-funded projects in industrial biotechnology; product-finding for pharmaceutical companies; integrating low carbon strategies with life sciences; EU projects on marine biotechnology and marine discovery pipeline; and product safety and compliance oversight for a biomaterials company.

International Stakeholder Workshop on Blue Biotechnology in Europe

BioBridge will attend this meeting in February. Organised as part of the study 'Support of Impact Assessment Work on Blue Biotechnology', carried out for the European Commission, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, the workshop is targeted at a small number of key experts.

The meeting will discuss the development potential of the sector, provide information and facilitate discussions on the findings of the study such as main drivers and bottlenecks as well as provide ample informal networking opportunities.

ERA-MBT

ERA-NET in Marine Biotechnology

The CSAMarineBiotech project www.marinebiotech.eu project managed by BioBridge was successfully completed at the end of March 2013. The CSA's work led to a proposal for an ERA-NET in Marine Biotechnology. ERA-MBT has now kicked off and we aim to bring you news from the project shortly.

We hope that you find this newsletter interesting and useful. Feel free to submit news items for our next edition. If you'd prefer not to receive future newsletters, please let us know

Other news

Horizon 2020

BG-3-2014 Novel marine derived biomolecules and industrial biomaterials
BG-4-2014: Enhancing the industrial exploitation potential of marine-derived enzymes

We have been approached to help in finding consortia to join. If you are looking for potential partners, please email us as soon as possible

4 year, fully funded PhD studentship on hydrocarbon degradation in marine sediments

University of Aberdeen is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic individual with a strong background in molecular microbial ecology and/ or marine biogeochemistry to investigate rates and pathways of HC degradation in marine sediments and test the effectiveness of bioremediation approaches.

The project is funded through the NERC industrial CASE awards scheme with support from BP and Intertek as industrial CASE partners and comprises placements at BP and Intertek.

For further information see <http://www.findaphd.com/search/ProjectDetails.aspx?PJID=51186&LID=12> or contact Professor Ursula Witte u.witte@abdn.ac.uk

Scottish Biofuel Programme Funding Call

The Scottish Biofuel Programme is awarding a total of £50,000 in Q1 2014 to Scottish companies who want to evaluate and develop opportunities in biofuel and bioenergy. **The deadline for applications is 28th February 2014.**

Successful applicants will obtain funding for projects delivered by one of its industry leading academic or research partners or alternatively by one of its appointed bioenergy and engineering consultancies.

For an application form and guidelines please visit www.biofuels-scotland.co.uk/support

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Dates for your diary

**The 4th European Marine Board Forum,
12 March 2014, Brussels**

Moderated by David Shukman, BBC Science Editor, and organized jointly with the European Polar Board, it will bring together Arctic stakeholders from science, industry, policy & governance and NGOs.

Registration is free, subject to availability of places.

Please visit: www.marineboard.eu/4thforum

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.fcc-asso.fr/algchem

9th ECMNP (European Conference of Marine Natural Products) 24-28 Aug 2015, Glasgow

EFIB 2014

30 September - 2 October 2014 in Reims, Champagne-Ardenne France.

7th European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology and the Biobased Economy,

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



BioMarine 2014 Business Convention

30-31 Oct 2014 Cascais, Portugal

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

Natural Product Biotechnology 2014

18 – 20 November 2014 – Inverness, Scotland

CALL FOR PAPERS

For information on submitting abstracts (deadline 30 May 2014) and any informal enquiries about the conference please email contact@icnpb.org

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