

6th ESAB NEWSLETTER

1. Journal

The official journal of the section is *Biocatalysis and Biotransformation* (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/listings/b.html). The publisher has recently announced a very generous offer: registered members of ESAB (*i.e.* those who are in the database which is monthly updated, for membership see the EFB main web site <http://www.efbweb.org/>) can get a personal subscription to this journal for only EUR 50 per year, including online access on a single user license basis. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the customer service team at Taylor & Francis UK, either by emailing journal.orders@tandf.co.uk, or by visiting the Taylor & Francis journals website at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/customer.html>.

Do not forget also to register for the free contents alerting service SARA and receive a full rundown of articles published in each issue of *Biocatalysis and Biotransformation* emailed directly to your computer – visit www.tandf.co.uk/journals.

You are also encouraged to submit manuscripts to the Journal. The total time for evaluation and publication has been shorten significantly during the last months, the format of the journal has been enlarged and improved, and more manuscripts will be published per year. Thus, the journal is an excellent tool for publication of innovative results in Applied Biocatalysis.

2. Upcoming symposia

"Enzymes in Lipid Modification", 26-28 March 2003, BioTechnikum / Greifswald University, Greifswald, Germany. The local organizer is Prof. Dr. Uwe Bornscheuer, Greifswald University, email: uwe.bornscheuer@uni-greifswald.de. Details of the conference and a registration form can be found at <http://www.dgfett.de/meetings/greifswald/index.htm>

The Biochemical Technology (BIOT) Division symposium **"Advances in Biocatalysis"** for the **225th ACS National Meeting**, New Orleans, March 23-27, 2003. The symposium focuses on recent progress in the general field of Biocatalysis involving applications of isolated enzymes and whole cells. See for more info: <http://www.umbc.edu/engineering/ACS2003/>. Co-Chairs: Dr. Rachel Chen, Chemical Engineering, Virginia Commonwealth University, rchen@vcu.edu; Dave Pollard, Merck & Co. Inc, david_pollard@merck.com. Deadline for abstract submission is Nov. 12th using the website: <http://oasys.acs.org/acs/225nm/biot/papers/index.cgi>.

Symposia (co-)organised by ESAB:

CBM5 (5th Carbohydrate Bioengineering Meeting), Groningen, the Netherlands, April 6-9, 2003, www.biol.rug.nl/cbm5.

BIOTRANS 2003, June 28 – July 3, 2003, Olomouc, Czech Republic, www.biotrans2003.upol.cz. Submission of abstracts is now possible on the website.

The 11th European Congress on Biotechnology (**ECB11**), Basel, Switzerland, August 24–29, 2003, www.ecb11.ch.

3. Open positions

There is a position for a person with Ph.D in biocatalysis and a solid knowledge of chemistry (2-3 years experiences) at Enzymomics, a new biotechnology company created in Toulouse, France. The goal of Enzymomics is to study and develop new biochemical processes in order to access and produce intermediates and active materials for the pharmaceutical and chemical companies. Inquiries may be directed to Dr. C.Bensoussan, email: bensoussan.enzymomics@wanadoo.fr.

4. Newsletter

You are all receiving the ESAB newsletter and we hope that everyone is satisfied with it. Up to now the newsletter appeared more or less on an *ad hoc* basis, but in the future we will try to have a newsletter at the beginning of every even-numbered month. This means that if you have something

that is relevant to the ESAB community, you can send it to me (maurice.franssen@wur.nl) no later than the last day of the odd-numbered month. So, the deadline for the next newsletter is January 31, 2003, the one after that has a deadline of March 31, etc.

Concerning the contents of the message, please be as brief as possible and preferably refer to a website for more detailed information. We accept messages about upcoming events, or open positions in your lab, or anything else that may be of general interest to the ESAB members. We will NOT accept any messages with commercial aims.

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