

9th ESAB NEWSLETTER

1. General Assembly

During ECB11 (Basel, 24-29 August, 2003, see www.ecb11.ch), there will be the biannual ESAB General Assembly. The executive Board of ESAB will update you on their plans and you will have the opportunity to give your opinions and suggestions concerning all ESAB activities. You are all cordially invited to attend this meeting. It will take place on **Monday, August 26**, from 18.00-19.00 h, at the Congress Center (Messe Basel). The room number will be announced at the start of ECB.

2. Upcoming events

Symposia (co-)organised by ESAB:

The date and venue of the second symposium about “**Biocatalysis in the Food and Drinks Industry**” is fixed now: it will be from 19-22 September 2004, at the “Euroforum” of the University of Hohenheim (near Stuttgart, Germany). Organisers are prof. Lutz Fischer (Hohenheim) and dr. Maurice Franssen (Wageningen). A website will be open soon.

The 12th European Congress on Biotechnology (**ECB 12**) will take place in Copenhagen, 21-25 August 2005.

Professor Antonio Ballesteros (Madrid) just announced a plan that he is going to organise a symposium on “**Environmental Biocatalysis**”; it will probably take place in Córdoba, Spain, in April 2006.

Symposia in which ESAB is not involved:

Chirasource2003 Europe Conference & Exhibition (Industrial applications of chiral chemistry with a focus on European issues and solutions), December 8-10, 2003, Barcelona; **BioCat2003** (Interdisciplinary approaches to industrial biocatalysis), December 11-12, 2003, Barcelona. See for both events www.catalystgrp.com.

Hope to see you all at Biotrans '03 and/or at ECB11 !

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