

1st ESAB NEWSLETTER

The Board of the EFB Section on Applied Biocatalysis (ESAB) held her 46^e meeting in Trondheim (Norway) on June 16, 2001. A short report is given below.

The restructuring of EFB is well on course. All “Working Parties” have been transformed into “Sections”, or “Taskgroups” within Sections (see the EFB website: <http://efbweb.org/>). The board members of ESAB have agreed upon the text of the ESAB statutes. During BIOTRANS '01 (see below) a session will be organised during which the ESAB members can approve or disprove the statutes.

Concerning future symposia:

At ECB10 (Juli 8-11, 2001, Madrid), 5 sessions will be devoted to Applied Biocatalysis. The themes are: Screening and engineering for better biocatalysts; Fundamentals of biocatalysis in organic media; Biocatalysis *versus* chemocatalysis; Suspension-to-suspension bioreactions; Biocatalysis for minimizing and recycling residues. More than 800 participants are expected. See for the complete programme <http://www.sebiot.es/congreso.htm>.

BIOTRANS '01, which is not organized by ESAB by the way, will take place from September 2-7 september 2001 in Darmstadt (Germany), www.biotrans.tu-darmstadt.de/index2.html. There are some bursaries for students from EC-countries, deadline is June 30.

The “3rd International Congress on Proteins Stabilization: Biocatalyst Stability” will be held from April 21-24, 2002 in Toulouse, France. Organiser is Pierre Monsan, INSA. There are sessions on: Protein folding, protein and/or media engineering; Structural stability; Inactivation mechanisms; Mechanisms of stabilisation; Effect of additives; Covalent processes; Industrial applications. Deadline for posters is 15/1/02, cheap registration can be done until 15/3/02. See for more info www.insa-tlse.fr/gba/biostab/en/index_en.htm.

There are plans for a symposium on Biocatalysis in food industry, to be held in 2002. Organiser is prof. Chris Bucke, University of Westminster, UK. Further details will be given in the next newsletter.

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