

## 15<sup>th</sup> ESAB NEWSLETTER

ESAB had 768 members in January '05, which is an increase of 61 since September last year.

### 1. Upcoming events in 2005, incl. deadlines!!

*Symposia (co-)organised by ESAB:*

**6<sup>th</sup> Carbohydrate Bioengineering Meeting**, 3-6 April 2005, Auditorium of the Science Museum in Barcelona/ES, [www.cbm6.iqs.es](http://www.cbm6.iqs.es). Deadline for cheap registration is **14 February!**

ESAB/ProBio Workshop on **Biocatalysis in Non-Conventional Media**, 13-14 April 2005, Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester/UK, [www.mib.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.mib.ac.uk/conferences). Deadline for oral contributions is **31 January!**

**Biotrans 2005**, 3-8 July 2005, Aula of the Technical University of Delft/NL, [www.biotrans2005.bt.tudelft.nl](http://www.biotrans2005.bt.tudelft.nl). Deadline for posters is **1 March**, for cheap registration **1 April**.

**ECB12**, 21-24 August 2005, Danish Technical University, Lyngby (near Copenhagen/DK), [www.ecb12.dk](http://www.ecb12.dk). The invited speakers within the field of Industrial (“white”) Biotechnology are on the web now, go to [http://www.ecb12.dk/cms/?Programme:Symposia%26nbsp%3BLecturers:Industrial\\_Biotechnology](http://www.ecb12.dk/cms/?Programme:Symposia%26nbsp%3BLecturers:Industrial_Biotechnology). Deadline for oral communications is **1 April**, posters can also be submitted after that date. Deadline for cheap registration is **20 July**.

RSC Meeting on **Frontiers of Chemical Biology: Mechanistic Enzymology and Biocatalysis**, 31 August - 2 September, University of Exeter/UK. Organisers are prof. Jennifer Littlechild and prof. Gerald Richter. The list of invited speakers is on the website, <http://www.rsc.org/lap/confs/meb05.htm>. Deadline for poster presentations is **30 June**.

Second Conference on **Enzyme Reaction Engineering**, 21 – 24 September, Dubrovnik/Cavtat, Croatia. Organisers are prof. Durda Vasic-Racki and prof. Christian Wandrey. The list of invited speakers is on the website of the conference (<http://www.fkit.hr/erec2005>, check out the pictures of the venue!). Deadlines for abstracts and cheap registration is **31 May**. To avoid confusion: this conference is officially called a Croatian-German conference, but it is open to scientists of all nations.

Prof. Andreas Schmid will organise a workshop on **Gram to tonne biocatalysis**, as a joint activity with the Working group on Biotransformations of the EFB-Section on Biochemical Engineering Science. The dates are 6–7 October 2005, location will be Dortmund/DE. More details will follow later.

*Symposia not organised by ESAB:*

**World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing 2005**, 20-22 April, 2005, Orlando, Florida/USA, <http://www.bio.org/worldcongress>. A call for posters will be opened soon, deadline for cheap registration is **6 April**.

International Conference on **Enzyme Technology RELATENZ 2005**, 20-23 September, Hotel Bella Costa in Varadero Beach, Matanzas, Cuba, <http://www.umcc.cu/EnzymeTechnology/relatenz.htm> (incl. must-see picture of the venue!). Deadline for all abstracts is **20 April**.

## **2. Upcoming events in 2006**

International Symposium on **Environmental Biocatalysis**, 23-26 April 2006, Córdoba/ES, [www.icp.csic.es/abg/envbc2006](http://www.icp.csic.es/abg/envbc2006). The website will open for registration and submission of abstracts in June 2005; deadline for orals is September, for cheap registration January 2006.

## **3. EFB news**

EFB has tried to establish its base at the TU Delft, but contract negotiations were unsuccessful. A new contract has been signed with SEBIOT on 15 January last and soon the EFB Central Office will be established in Barcelona/ES. There is a vacancy for the position of EFB General Secretary, please contact the EFB president if you are interested.

## **4. Websites**

<http://www.orc.wur.nl/uk/Research/Biocatalysis> (new website Maurice Franssen)

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