

## 20<sup>th</sup> ESAB NEWSLETTER – February 2006

### 1. Upcoming ESAB events in 2006 (incl. deadlines)

Symposium on **Multistep Enzyme Catalysed Processes**, 18-21 April 2006, Graz/AT, see [www.a-b.tugraz.at/mecp06](http://www.a-b.tugraz.at/mecp06). The deadline for cheap registration is **20 March**, the deadline of oral and poster contributions has elapsed.

Symposium on **Environmental Biocatalysis: From remediation with enzymes to novel green processes**, Cordoba/ES, 23-26 April see [www.icp.csic.es/abg/envbc2006](http://www.icp.csic.es/abg/envbc2006). The deadline for posters and cheap registration has passed, but registration is still possible.

**ACHEMA2006**, 28<sup>th</sup> Exhibition-Congress on Chemical Engineering, Environmental Protection and Biotechnology, Frankfurt am Main/DE, 15-19 May 2006, see <http://achema-content.dechema.de/index.php?selectedItem=0&spkz=E>. This huge event is organised by DECHEMA and this year there are also links with EFB, ESBES and ESAB. On all days there will be something interesting for us, but on 16 and 17 May there is a special "Industrial Biotechnology Partnering Conference". Themes include: Biocatalysis in chemical production, New production organisms and biocatalysts systems, Scale-up processes and downstream processing, Selection and screening of microorganisms and biocatalysts for commercial applications. The deadline for submission of abstracts for oral and posters is **17 March**. See [www.achema.de/biotechnology.html](http://www.achema.de/biotechnology.html) for more information on this two-day event.

An intensive **Laboratory Course on Directed Enzyme Evolution** is organised in Vilnius/LT, 28 May – 2 June, by the EU FP5 Centre of Excellence Programme and ESAB, under the leadership of profs. Siksnys and Klimasauskas (Vilnius) and prof. Bornscheuer (Greifswald/DE). The course consists of lectures and laboratory exercises and is meant for PhD students and postdocs. Enrollment is limited to only 20 people! Applications including a recommendation letter from the supervisor must be sent to ms. V. Zemaitaitis ([vidos@ibt.lt](mailto:vidos@ibt.lt)) not later than **1 March**.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on **Biocatalysis in the Food and Drinks Industries** will take place in Wageningen/NL from 24-26 September 2006. The website [www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/bfdi](http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/bfdi) is now open for registration, the deadline for cheap rate is 15 June. Submission of abstracts for oral presentation is possible until **1 May**. The list of invited speakers is also available on the website. A brochure can be downloaded at [www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/bfdi/bfdi.pdf](http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/bfdi/bfdi.pdf).

The second symposium on **Protein Design and Evolution for Biocatalysis** will take place in Greifswald, north-east Germany, from 30 August – 1 September, as a satellite symposium to BioCat2006. The event is organised by the Working Group on Biotransformation of the VAAM, the DBU, the German Society for Fat Science (DGF), and ESAB. The local organiser is prof. Uwe Bornscheuer. The list of invited speakers is available on the website [www.chemie.uni-greifswald.de/~biotech/pdb-2006.html](http://www.chemie.uni-greifswald.de/~biotech/pdb-2006.html). Registration is already possible and is recommended, since the maximum number of participants has been set to 150. The deadline for oral presentations is **2 May**, for posters 30 June. Cheap registration is possible until 30 June, ESAB members get a strong reduction!

### 2. Other events in 2006 (incl. deadlines)

**BioCat 2006**, 3-7 September 2006, Hamburg/DE, see [www.biocat2006.de](http://www.biocat2006.de) for all details. The deadline for abstract submission is **31 May**, for cheap registration 15 July.

### **3. Upcoming ESAB events in 2007 (incl. deadlines)**

The 7<sup>th</sup> symposium on **Carbohydrate Bioengineering** (CBM7) will be held from 22-25 April 2007 in Braunschweig, under the leadership of prof. Klaus Buchholz.

**Biotrans 2007** is organised by prof. Vicente Gotor and colleagues in Oviedo/ES, from 8-13 July 2007. There is a website now, [www.uniovi.es/bioorganica/congresos/biotrans2007/index.html](http://www.uniovi.es/bioorganica/congresos/biotrans2007/index.html), on which all details will be given in due course.

### **4. New EFB database**

Recently, the EFB Central Office performed an extensive update and cleaning of the e-mail addresses of the EFB members. If your colleague/student is an ESAB member but complains that he/she does not receive any news from ESAB, then this probably means that his/her mail address was lost over time. Please ask this person to re-register at the EFB website ([www.efb-central.org/index/php/member/register](http://www.efb-central.org/index/php/member/register)) and ask him/her not to forget to say “yes” at the button “Join the Section Applied Biocatalysis?” !!

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