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1. Editorial

The ERAMED NCP Workshop and the Final Meeting of the ERAMED Project

- *Marrakech, 9th -10th July 2008*

On 9-10 July 2008, the ERAMED NCP Workshop and the Final Meeting of the ERAMED project took place in Marrakech with participation of most representatives from all partners as well as Dr Philippe Froissard, the Scientific Officer of the ERAMED project.



During the NCP workshop, representatives from the NCPs from Germany, Italy, France and Greece delivered presentations on the following NCP project's activities: Ideal-ist (ICT), INCONTACT (INCO), ResPotNet (Research Potential), Net4society (Socioeconomic Sciences and the Humanities). Discussion about the current NCP structure followed as well as exchange of ideas about opportunities for their collaboration.



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<http://www.eramed.gr>

The ERAMED website remains available online

The ERAMED website will be accessible through the website (www.eramed.gr) beyond the project's lifecycle. The website is constantly being updated with information about EU and Mediterranean News and Events. FP7 news and guidelines are also available.

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2. EU News

Final Results of the Public Consultation on the Green Paper: "The European Research Area: New Perspectives"

With the [Green Paper](#) on the European Research Area (ERA), the European Commission launched a broad institutional and public debate on what should be done to create a unified and attractive European Research Area, which would fulfil the needs and expectations of the scientific community, business and citizens.

The public consultation on the ERA green paper lasted from 1st May 2007 until 31st August 2007. The consultation process was developed in parallel to the discussion with the other institutions. The Commission will use the results of the debate to prepare initiatives that will be proposed in 2008.

For more information, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.html

Source: CORDIS

Energy Research and Mediterranean Countries

The state of the art and possible development perspectives for the Energy Theme in FP7 have been discussed in a **workshop on "Renewable Energy Sources"** in Athens on 15-17

May 2005. As a result of the above mentioned workshop a **Special International Cooperation Activity (SICA)** has been included in the 2007 Energy call of FP7. The SICA focuses on 'Solar irradiation resource assessment and forecasting'. The results should facilitate the matching of different concepts to various solar environments, reduce the cost of integration through improved predictability, and accelerate the rate of solar energy deployment in the EU and neighbouring countries.

For more information, please visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/nn/inco/mpc_en.html

Source: EUROPA

3. Project News

The Annual Meeting of the ERAMED Project

- **Bari, 6-7th March 2008**

On 6 and 7 March 2008, the Annual Meeting of the ERAMED project was held in the premises of the *Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari*. In the Meeting the Director of CIHEAM – IAMB, Dr. Cosimo Lacirignola, welcomed the ERAMED partners to the institute and briefly mentioned that the *Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari* (MAI-Bari) is the Italian Institute of the *International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies* (CIHEAM), an intergovernmental organization including 13 Mediterranean Countries.

There was discussion of synergies with the MIRA and PROMEDAccess projects. Finally there was planning of the EU-Med NCP workshop that will take place in Morocco in July 2008.

Photo from the Annual Meeting



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4. Events

FP7 - COOPERATION / THEMATIC: HEALTH AND FOOD, 15 May 2008

Paris, 15 May 2008



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INVITATION: FP7 Information Day, 15 May 2008, MGEN premises:

An FP7 information day is organised by the FP7 French National Contact Points of Health, Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology Priority Themes, and the SME NCP.

This info day on FP7 is targeted at the scientific community and will focus on FP7 calls for proposals in Health and Life sciences, with the active participation of **European Commission (DG Research) head officials**.

The objective of this information day is to inform researchers on themes of research and financings proposed by the EC in the framework of the next calls for proposals of those two thematic priorities to be published in July 2008, and to give every research team the keys to prepare successful proposals.

This information day will also include a presentation on international cooperation opportunities in FP7 and especially in themes 1 and 2, a presentation of the ERC grants opportunities, and a presentation on the Mobility (Marie Curie actions) work programme, by the representatives of the concerned NCPs.

This FP7 info day will enhance networking among Europe actors and researchers create synergies and will be the occasion to obtain the very last news on the 2009 calls from the European Commission.

It will take place on **15 May at the MGEN** premises (3 square Max-Hymans, Paris 15)

Guests (European Commission, DG Research) :

Mr Stéphane Hogan – Head of Unit F1 " Horizontal Aspects and coordination", Direction F "Health" ;

Mrs Ludovica Serafini – incharge of SME issues, Direction F "Health";

Mr Timothy Hall - Executive, Direction E "Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology, ".

To register to this event, consult the agenda and get practical information, please visit:

<http://www.eurosfaire.prd.fr/news/consulter.php?id=1841>

Source: *Eurosfaire*

European water research day at EXPO 2008,

o **Zaragoza, 8 September 2008**

In the framework of the Zaragoza International Expo 2008 'Water and Sustainable Development', the European Commission's Directorate General for Research is organising the European water research day on 8 September in Zaragoza, Spain. The one-day event is aimed at presenting past, on-going and future EU research activities in this field. The event will be opened by the European Commissioner for Science and Research Janez Potocnik, together with the Spanish Science and Innovation Minister Cristina Garmendia, the Member of the European Parliament Philippe Busquin and high-level representatives of the Government of Aragón, the Zaragoza Water Tribune and the European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform.

For more information, please visit:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_NEWS_EVENT&ACTION=D&DOC=15&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=011bf9d886bc:f1c9:2b1c83e2&RCN=29595

Source: *CORDIS News*

EuroBioForum 2008

o **Strasbourg, 17 September 2008**

The EuroBioForum conference will be held from 17 to 19 September in Strasbourg, France.

Six workshops will be dedicated to a range of life sciences topics:

- molecular biology of survival;
- generating tools for human proteome analysis;
- DNA barcoding for biodiversity;
- the human metagenome;
- human genome profiles in disease;
- using bacteria for renewable energy production.

In addition, there will be a roundtable discussion on 'Opportunities and challenges for joint programmes in Europe'.

The event is organised by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the European Commission and is an official event of the French Presidency of the European Union.

For further information, please visit:
<http://www.esf.org/index.php?id=4606>

Source: CORDIS News

Energy research information day

- **Brussels, 24 September 2008**

The European Commission will hold energy research information days in Brussels, Belgium, on 24 and 25 September on the four upcoming calls for proposals which will be published shortly under the Energy theme of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The event is intended to present the key features of these calls to information multipliers and people interested in submitting proposals. On the first day of the meeting, presentations will give an overview of the political frame, research priorities and objectives as well as rules of participation. On the second day, participants will have the opportunity to meet the project officers in charge of the different topics of the calls to discuss open questions.

The event will also be broadcast live on the internet.

For further information, please visit:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_NEWS_EVENT&ACTION=D&DOC=55&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=011bf9d886bc:f1c9:2b1c83e2&RCN=29728

Source: CORDIS News

5. FP7 Open Calls- Useful links

OPEN CALLS

- CORDIS:
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7OpenCallsPage>
- ERAMED :
http://www.eramed.gr/opencms/export/sites/default/eramed/Useful_Documents/OPEN-CALLs_April08.pdf

USEFUL LINKS

- *Ethics for researchers*
<ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/ethics-for-researchers.pdf>
- *IPR Issues in the 7th Framework Programme*
[http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/documentos/docsPublicacion/pdf/8_IPR_FP7-Guide\[0000006600_00\].pdf](http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/documentos/docsPublicacion/pdf/8_IPR_FP7-Guide[0000006600_00].pdf)