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Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you peacefully enjoyed and celebrated the end of 2014 while looking forward to 2015 promises. In the name of our section board I address you our best wishes for this new year! The Environmental Biotechnology section of EFB thanks you for your valuable support in the past year and count on your presence and assistance for the events we will hold. With its series of important dates, 2015 will be a turning point for the EB section of EFB. I am happy to share with you important information, enjoy the reading!

Yours sincerely,

Philippe Corvini

STRATEGICAL ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

Bioeconomy initiative

As mentioned in the past, our section aims to reinforce the contribution of Environmental Biotechnology to the Bioeconomy in Europe, especially in Eastern and Mediterranean regions. We will organise two workshops in 2015. The 1st one on Mediterranean region will be hosted by the 6th European Bioremediation Conference (ebc vi) in Chania (Greece, June 29-July 2, 2015). The 2nd one on Eastern countries will be held at the 8th ed. of the International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management (ICEEM 08) in Iasi (Romania, 9-12 Sept. 2015). Both workshops will focus on water management, biowaste biorefinery, and exploitation of marine microbes.

Call for position papers

As you probably noticed, while reading H2020 calls, environmental biotechnology is underrepresented and biotechnology itself is spread among various programme sections, e.g. Key Enabling Technologies and Blue Growth. Some of our past position papers found echo at the EC. Therefore, may I invite volunteers to suggest and support us in preparing position papers. We have presently identifed two topics of interest i) Enzymes at the convergence of environmental biotechnology and industrial biotechnology and ii) Nanobiotechnology for environmental applications. We have unique opportunity to **make our voice heard, support us!**

FURTHER NEWS FROM EFB AND OUR EB SECTION

- Our EFB Vice-President Prof. Brian Clark passed away last Oct. 6th. This sad news and a retrospective of the career of Prof. B. Clark have been published in the last newsletter of EFB.
- The next meeting of the executive board of EFB will be held on Jan. 24 in Barcelona. A new board of President and Vice-Presidents will be nominated.
- The scientific committee for ECB2016 to be held in Krakow is set. As member of the committee I would appreciate your suggestions to ensure that Environmental Biotechnology is represented.
- Our section is very pleased to welcome Prof. Tomas Cajthaml as a further Czech Republic representative of our expert board. Tomas is professor at Charles University in Prague.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Many colleagues of the Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB) will attend ebc vi in Chania. Prof JJ Zhong (Jiaotong University, Shanghai) and Prof. Ji Rong (Nanjing University) are members of the scientific committee of ebc vi conference.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF OUR SECTION

- The **European Bioremediation Conference** (ebc vi) chaired by our colleagues Nicolas Kalogerakis and Fabio Fava in collaboration with EB section of EFB will take place in Chania (Crete, Greece) from June 29 to July 2, 2015. Our section will organize several workshops and special sessions there (see aforementioned Bioeconomy initiative). We will take opportunity to set our general assembly and expert meeting there. The deadline for 1st call for abstract is **January 15**!!! Visit: www.ebc-vi.tuc.gr/4960.html
- The **8th ed. of the International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management** (ICEEM 08) is organized by the Gheorghe Asachi Technical University with the support of our section (Iasi, Romania, 9-12 Sept. 2015). We will organise the session on Bioeconomy in Eastern Europe Countries and take opportunity to set our general assembly and expert meeting there. Registration and Abstract submission deadline: March 30 2015. Visit: http://iceem07.iceem.eu/index.html
- **The 8th edition of European Symposium on Biopolymers** (ESBP2015), organised by our colleague Mauro Majone in Rome (Italy) on 16-18 Sept. 2015. Our section is an official sponsor of this event. You can find more information at: http://www.esbp2015.org/
- **Ecomondo** 19th International Trade Fair of Material & Energy Recovery and Sustainable Development in Rimini (Italy) 3-6 Nov. 2014. Fabio Fava is responsible for the whole scientific programme and our section will have several talks at this important fair. Visit: http://en.ecomondo.com/.

JOB MARKET

4 PhD positions at the University of Tartu, Estonia. (see attachment)

Professor of Biowaste Biorefinery in Muttenz, Switzerland (contact me directly)