



News

## 2nd Congress on Applied Synthetic Biology in Europe. 25-27 November 2013 - Málaga - Spain



### Second symposium on industrial applications of synthetic biotechnology

Scientists from academia and industry are invited to submit **abstracts** for oral and poster presentations describing original research in any of the congress scientific topics. The scientific committee will select the type of contribution (oral or posters) based on the review of abstracts.

Contributors are also invited to consider submitting a manuscript for inclusion in a **Synthetic Biology Thematic Issue of the EFB Journal, New Biotechnology**. If you would like to be considered, please indicate appropriately on the abstract submission form.

#### Topics:

- Underpinning technologies
- Systems approaches
- Synthetic metabolic engineering
- Plant synthetic biology
- Environmental synthetic biology
- Biosynthetic pathways
- Biofuels, biochemicals and bioenergy
- Future directions including biopharmaceutical and medical application
- Medical and veterinary applications
- Bionanoscience
- Synthetic ecology
- Synthetic morphology
- Metabolic engineering, modelling & prediction methods
- Barriers to application - Social Science perspectives
- Biopharmaceutical applications

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The President of the European Federation of Biotechnology,

EFB Events 

[11th BIOTRANS Conference](#)

July 21-25 2013

Manchester, United Kingdom

## Marc Van Montagu, has been awarded the World Food Prize 2013.

The Flemish plant scientist Marc Van Montagu (born 1933) is being awarded the "World Food Prize 2013", jointly with the American scientists Mary-Dell Chilton and Robert T. Fraley. This was announced in Washington DC on Wednesday by the US Secretary of State, John Kerry. The World Food Prize --the "Nobel Prize for food and agriculture"-- gives the award annually to one or more people whose work has been of exceptional social importance for the quality, quantity or availability of food. This is the first time that a Belgian has won this prestigious award.

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## EFB Institutional Members

We would like to invite all our **Institutional Members** to submit any relevant biotechnology news on events, activities, or discoveries, to be included in the upcoming edition of the **July Newsletter** to be sent to our more than **15000 Personal Members**. Please send information or questions to Fernando Carreño at [fernando\[at\]efb-central.org](mailto:fernando[at]efb-central.org) before 16 July 2013.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our EFB Institutional Members for their continued support. The activities of the EFB would not be possible without them.

## Changes in Environmental Biotechnology Section

The European Federation of Biotechnology would like to acknowledge and thank **Fabio Fava** for his work and support as chair of the Section of Environmental Biotechnology. We wish him success in his upcoming projects and future collaboration with the EFB. Furthermore, we would like to welcome **Philippe Corvini**, who will be acting as interim chair of the Environmental Biotechnology section, and look forward to working with him in continuing the section success.

## New Biotechnology Feature Article:

### Why do the biotechnology and the climate change debates hardly mix? Evidence from a global stakeholder survey

Despite its potential to address climate change problems, the role of biotechnology is hardly ever touched upon in the global sustainability debate. We wanted to know why. For that purpose, we conducted a global online stakeholder survey on

[7th International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management.](#)

September 18-21 2013  
Vienna - Austria

[International Conference on Nanotheranostics \(ICoN 2013\)](#)

September 26-28 2013  
Larnaca - Cyprus

[European Symposium of Biopolymers- ESBP 2013](#)

October 7-9 2013  
Lisbon - Portugal

[2nd Congress on Applied Synthetic Biology in Europe](#)

November 25-27 2013  
Málaga - Spain

[European Congress on Biotechnology - ECB16](#)

13-16 July 2014  
Edinburgh - Scotland



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biotechnology and climate change. The relevant stakeholders and their representatives were selected by means of key informants that were familiar with either of the two debates. A self-assessment showed that a majority of respondents felt more familiar with the climate change than the biotechnology debate. Even though the survey results reveal that most respondents consider the potential of modern biotechnology to address climate change to be substantial, the policy network analysis revealed that one stakeholder who is not just considered to be relevant in both debates but also crucial in the formation of global public opinion, strongly rejects the view that biotechnology is a climate-friendly and therefore clean technology. This influential opposition seems to ensure that the biotechnology and the climate change debates do not mix.



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## Upcoming Events

**11th BIOTRANS Conference. 21-25 July 2013. Manchester, United Kingdom.**



21 - 25 JULY MANCHESTER UK



BIOTRANS 2013

The **EFB Section on Applied Biocatalysis** is promoting **Biotrans 2013**. Industrial biotechnology involves the application of enzymes and whole cells for the production of chemical products, including pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, fine chemicals, polymers, personal health-care products and also biofuels.

The conference will be composed of a mixture of Plenary, Invited Talks and Oral Presentations and will cover a broad range

of themes including; enzyme discovery, bioinformatics, protein engineering, directed evolution of enzymes, enzyme immobilisation, process development and scale-up and manufacture of chemical products using biocatalysis.

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## 7th International Conference on Nanotheranostics (ICoN 2013). September 26-28 2013. Larnaca - Cyprus



**EFB Section on Medicines Development**, is organizing the 7th International Conference on Nanotheranostics (**ICoN 2013**) on Larnaca - Cyprus. The development of nanomedicine this past decade has spurred a flurry of developments in novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches which show great promise as a potential medicine paradigm for addressing current treatment roadblocks and persistent clinical needs, which are not successfully addressed with current methodologies. The ICoN 2013 conference aims to provide the optimal venue to expand nanotheranostics research in a multidisciplinary environment which will bring together all the key researchers in the nanotheranostics field.

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