



The European Federation of Biotechnology is delighted to welcome its new President, Prof. Mathias Uhlen, who was elected during the EFB Executive Board Meeting on the past 24th January in Barcelona. The board also elected three Vice-presidents: Professors Jeff Cole, Philippe Corvini, Diethard Mattanovich; and the Treasurer: Dr. Wilf Mitchell.

The Federation is extremely grateful to Prof. Marc van Montagu, for all his work and support during more than 9 year as President.

EFB Comments on Preliminary Opinion on Synthetic Biology

"Synthetic biology" covers a wide range of possible applications. A selection of topics were reviewed in the thematic New Biotechnology Issue (Dec. 2014). However, while scientists explore possible applications, some stakeholders have already called for stringent regulatory controls as these applications deviate from what they claim to be "natural" .

Mandated by the European Commission, the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER), Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) and Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) are working on a series of opinions addressing different safety and regulatory aspects of SynBio, the term that is used to refer to applications of synthetic biology.

EFB welcomes the initiative as an opportunity to identify on scientific grounds those specific applications that raise potential safety issues. Unfortunately, the SC's preliminary opinion largely

EFB Events

[Bacterial electron transfer processes and their regulation - 2015](#)

organised by EFB Microbial Physiology

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March 15-18 2015

Maceira (Torres Vedras) - Portugal

[Recombinant Protein Production 8](#)

organised by EFB Microbial Physiology

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22-24 April 2015

Mallorca-Spain

[Nanomedicine advancing from bench-to-bedside: the role of materials](#)

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11 - 15 May 2015

investigated hypothetical or unknown risks related to a broad range of technologies, rather than specific applications. Technologies are rarely totally safe or unsafe. Using them as a basis for regulatory oversight creates unfound discrimination between similar products developed by different techniques. By stigmatizing a broad group of techniques, an inconsistent picture emerges that confuses, inspires fear, and leaves a sense of lack of control. Concerned by this development, EFB has submitted detailed comments during the second stakeholder consultation ([see document](#)).

The EFB and its member associations have been, and will continue to be, involved in very diverse advances and applications of "Synthetic Biology" . Hence, EFB looks forward to contribute as a key stakeholder in this process, making sure that the input from scientists is heard.

[Read more](#)

GMO Deregulation Position Paper: Invitation to Comment

The EFB Executive Board would like to provide to our political leaders expertise and scientific arguments concerning the discussions about deregulation of GMO within the European Union.

In order to achieve this, we would like to ask you please to read the: [GMO Deregulation Position Paper](#), in the link below:

[Read more](#)

EBBS Newsletter

The Bioengineering and Bioprocessing Section - EBBS, has released the first issue of the EBBS Newsletter, based on the report about the Focus on Frontiers in Industrial Biotechnology Meeting.

We would like to invite you to read and follow all the activities of the EBBS section. Please follow the link below:

Lille - France

[Advanced Biomanufacturing Conference](#)

Endorsed by EFB Bioengineering and Bioprocessing Section - EBBS

18 - 19 May 2015

Sheffield - UK

[Plant Biotechnology: Green for Good III](#)

organised by Czech Republic RBO

15-18 June 2015

Olomuc-Czech Republic

[6th European Bioremediation Conference](#)

organised by EFB Environmental Biotechnology Section

29 June - 2 July 2015

Chania, Crete-Greece

[6th International Conference On Analysis Of Microbial Cells At The Single Cell Level](#)

organised by EFB Microbial Physiology Section

July 19-22 2015

Retz-Austria

[12th Biotrans - 2015](#)

endorsed by EFB Applied Biocatalysis Section - ESAB

July 26-30 2015

Vienna - Austria

[Bioflavour 2015](#)

endorsed by EFB Bioengineering and Bioprocessing Section - EBBS

September 9-11 2015

Frankfurt - Germany

[8th International Conference on Environmental Engineering and Management](#)

organised by EFB Environmental Biotechnology Section



September 9-12 2015

Iasi - Romania

[8th Edition of European Symposium on Biopolymers](#)

organised by EFB Environmental

Biotechnology Section

September 16-18 2015

Roma - Italy

[11th International Meeting on Yeast Apoptosis - IMYA XI](#)

co-organised by EFB Functional Genomics

Section

29 September - 3 October 2015

Porto - Portugal

[Ecomondo 19th International Trade Fair of Material & Energy Recovery and Sustainable Development](#)

organised by EFB Environmental

Biotechnology Section

November 3-6 2015

Rimini - Italy

[Microbial Stress: From Molecules To Systems - 2015](#)

organised by EFB Microbial Physiology

Section

12 - 15 November 2015

Sitges - Spain

[3rd meeting on Applied Synthetic Biology in Europe](#)

organised by EFB Microbial Physiology

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Early 2016

More information soon...

EFB Institutional Member's Events

Upcoming Events

Plant Biotechnology: Green for Good III **15-18 June 2015. Olomouc - Czech Republic**

Plant Biotechnology: Green For Good III

15 - 18 June 2015
Olomouc, Czech Republic



The Czech Republic RBO, Centre of the Region Haná for Biotechnological and Agricultural Research, presents Plant Biotechnology: Green for Good III, a meeting to promote collaboration in the frontier areas of plant biotechnology research, development and innovations.

The deadline for abstract submission is 15th April 2015.

[Read more](#)

6th International Conference On Analysis Of Microbial Cells at the Single Cell Level **19-22 July 2015. Retz - Austria**

6th International Conference on ANALYSIS of MICROBIAL CELLS at the SINGLE CELL LEVEL

— RETZ, AUSTRIA • 19-22 JULY, 2015 —

The EFB Section on Microbial Physiology is organising the 6th International Conference On Analysis Of Microbial Cells at the Single Cell Level. We would like to invite you to register and submit your work for oral or poster presentation.

Please find below the topic areas of abstract submission:

- Flow Cytometry and Cell Sorting
- Image analysis and microscopy (including live cell imaging)
- Bioinformatics for Single Cell Analyses
- New Developments
- Applications

Submission deadline for oral presentations: 31st March.

Submission deadline for poster presentations: 30th April.

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[Enhancing Molecular Bioscience Education](#)

organised by Biochemical Society - UK

March 30-31 2015

Cambridge - UK

[Annual EBSA Meeting 2015](#)

organised by European Biosafety Association

(EBSA) - Germany

April 21-24 2015

Vienna - Austria

[Biofuels - hype or reality?](#)

organised by SCI - UK

April 28 2015

London - UK

[BAC 2015](#)

Promoted by FEBiotech - Spain

July 8 - 10 July 2015

Salamanca - Spain

Nanomedicine advancing from bench-to-bedside: the role of materials

11-15 May 2015. Lille - France

The EFB Polymer Biotechnology Section, endorse the E-MRS Symposium on Nanomedicine advancing from bench-to-bedside: the role of materials. Nano-scale materials hold huge potential for medical and life sciences. The scope of the symposium is to present the last developments in the design, preparation and characterisation of multifunctional nano-materials for biomedical applications, including nano-objects for multi-modal imaging, smart drug release systems, medical diagnostics and regenerative medicine.

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Events organised by our EFB Institutional Members

BAC 2015

Promoted by FEBiotech - Spain.

EFB thanks the following partners for their support



The Spanish Federation of Biotechnologists organises BAC 2015, the biggest annual Biotechnology event in Spain. Main topics for this edition will be: Biotechnological Therapeutic and Diagnostic Strategies (with focus on Cancer), Bioenergy and Bioremediation, Biotechnological Food and Biofactories, Biomaterials and Computational Biology. Confirmed keynote speakers are Sir Tim Hunt, Physiology Nobel Prize Laureate (2001); Luis Herrera Estrella, pioneer of genetic transformation in plants, and Tom Dodd, Policy Coordinator of Bioeconomy at the European Commission. Abstracts of BAC 2015 will be published in the New Biotechnology Journal. BAC 2015 will take place in Salamanca (Spain) on 8-10 July.



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Biofuels - hype or reality? organised by SCI - UK.

Organised by the SCI Biotechnology Group, this event provides the opportunity to discuss pros and cons, opportunities and also challenges that the biofuel process encounters, in particular, in the context of scientific and technological developments including global innovation and production, biofuel generation sustainability, legislation, regulations and policies. The trends in mineral fuel oil pricing and new discoveries pose a critical question on the future of biofuels: is the biofuel agenda a "hype" or "reality" in the 21st century?

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We would like to invite you to see the [meeting's flyer](#).

