

European Marie Curie Conference 2008

Barcelona 17-18 July 2008

Boost your Research Career!

Dear Marie Curie Fellow,

Encouraged by the success of Marie Curie workshops and conferences over the last years, I would warmly invite you to participate in the Marie Curie European Scientific Conference on the 17-18 July 2008. The Marie Curie Conference, lasting a day and a half prior to the main ESOF2008 conference (<http://www.esof2008.org>) will offer fellows special opportunities to broaden their career perspectives and further exploit their potential as Marie Curie Fellows.

The conference will include a training session on how to access EC funding and how to write successful grant proposals. There will also be a series of workshops on how creative academics can exploit their research potential in the private sector. Opportunities in alternative careers will be discussed with specialists. In the conference participating fellows will play an active role through poster sessions searching for future collaborators. They will have the opportunity to share their good practices of dissemination and explore how to reach out and create synergies with other scientific fields or policy makers. More experienced fellows will also give guidance on making a success of your career.

All participants in this satellite conference will be automatically registered to the ESOF conference. The joint participation fee covering both the Marie Curie satellite and the main ESOF event can be charged to your Marie Curie contract.

Participation is open to all Marie-Curie Fellows benefiting from one of the following Marie-Curie Actions:

- *Intra-European Fellowships,*
- *Outgoing International Fellowships and Incoming International Fellowships,*
- *Return and Re-integration Grants,*
- *Research Training Networks,*
- *Host Fellowships for Early Stage Training and Host Fellowships for Transfer of Knowledge,*
- *Marie Curie Excellence Teams and Chairs*

Details about the participation

The number of places available at the conference is limited. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. At registration, fellows will be requested to submit an abstract for a poster or an oral presentation on the themes of the conference:

- fostering creative collaborations with other scientific fields
- convince politics to fund your research
- best practice in dissemination
- exploiting your research results with the private sector

Posters will not be regular scientific posters but should reflect the capacity of the fellow to sell her/his own research to scientists from other fields and to policy makers, or be an example of best practice in private/academic collaboration, and/or in public dissemination.

Selection of the abstracts for oral presentations will be made by the organisers on the basis of its quality and creativity.

For registration and submission of your abstract you should use the on-line facility available at the web site: <http://www.esof2008.org/index.php?id=193>

Please note that the conference fees and accommodation/travel costs should be paid by your hosting institution and then charged to your Marie Curie Fellowship.

Yours sincerely,

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