

The Life Sciences Event of the EU Presidency

EuroBio 2008 WINS THE EU PRESIDENCY DESIGNATION AND CALLS FOR LIFE SCIENCES TO RESPOND

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 --- EuroBio 2008 has been officially designated the *EU Presidency Life Sciences Event* reinforcing the “global responsibility” of this international meeting.

With the backing of Europe’s leading biotech clusters, their companies and the European research community, this latest development extends the circle of influence needed to make change happen in Europe. It also fulfils the mission set out by EuroBio’s prestigious International Steering Committee “to generate a snapshot of the collective mind” regarding issues of immediate importance to policy makers at national and European levels.

“**The EU Presidency designation comes at a tipping point for biotech in Europe**”, says Eric Poincelet, Commissioner General of EuroBio 2008. “With so many life sciences issues in the balance, the additional political impetus means that what is decided in October 2008 will resonate throughout the whole of Europe and certainly beyond.”

John Hodgson, EuroBio’s Programme Director, explained that following a series of debates at the meeting, Europe’s decision makers will ask delegates what specific changes are needed to improve the environment for life sciences. “Politicians can’t ignore the life sciences if the life sciences community makes its case to the politicians”, said Hodgson. “The Presidency designation means that the politicians are already engaged; **now it’s down to companies, scientists, and their representatives to make their voices heard.**”

About EuroBio 2008

EuroBio is the largest Forum in Europe at the interface of Industry & Research, with the active participation of over 5,000 experts. EuroBio combines high-calibre plenary presentations with a series of structured debates on the challenges facing Europe’s bioindustry and bioresearch communities.

The meeting has three other main Pillars. The Career Fair creates an international market place for candidates from research in the life sciences and other disciplines who have a valuable contribution to make to the management of biotechnology companies. The Exhibition brings together large corporations, biotechnology companies, start-ups, leading bioclusters, academic research institutions, CROs and service providers who are shaping, and driving, bioindustry in Europe. And EuroBioPartnering focuses the spotlight on innovation and best practices and the way in which these drive successful private-public partnerships, technology transfer and the successful meshing of leading European bioclusters.

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