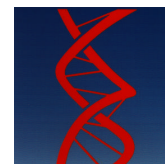




BIOTECH PROGRAMME NEWSROUND

Update on DG XII's Biotechnology research programme



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Programme implementation

⇒ *Third call - results now available*

The titles of the 96 projects funded following the 3rd call for proposals have been added to the 208 ongoing projects, together with some statistics. These are available on the Web or by fax.

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<http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg12/biot1.html>

⇒ *Fourth call - project selection process*

Following closure of the 4th call for proposals, evaluation of the 572 proposals received in October was carried out by independent experts between 17 Nov. and 5 Dec. under Commission supervision. The Programme Committee will meet on 20 January and 26 February to examine the results. Then, following negotiations, contracts are expected to be signed around mid-98.

⇒ *Training - last opportunities*

This year will see the final two deadlines for applications for Biotech Training grants and for support to organise advanced Practical Workshops.

see overleaf

Fifth Framework programme

⇒ *state of progress*

On 5 November 1997 the Commission published its working paper on the specific programme of FP-5. On 14 January, the Commission approved a revised proposal for the Framework Programme, taking into account the position of the European Parliament and some of the views of the Council of Ministers.

for more on FP-5:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg12/fp5.html>

Industrial Platforms

⇒ *SBIP meeting*

The Structural Biology Industrial Platform (SBIP) will hold a meeting on 27 January in Brussels.

W. Wolf - fax: 49-881.40954

M. Geisow - fax: 44-1949-876.156

<http://www.biodigm.com/science/ip.htm>

Special event

⇒ *Biotechnology and Finance forum*

The Biotech & Finance Forum is a joint initiative of the European Commission and the EASD (European Association of Securities Dealers) which aims to develop links between the scientific and industrial community and the financial sphere. In this framework the first event, a conference entitled "**Emerging Technologies in Life Sciences**", will take place on 12-13 May 1998 in Brussels. In addition, the results of a survey of the financial needs of the biotechnology sector in Europe will be released. In conjunction, a symposium on "National & Regional Biotechnology Innovation Initiatives" will be held the following day (14 May) at the same location

Conference programme

▣ Day 1

Registration (8:00 - 9:00)

- **Opening** by European Commission & EASD
- **Biotechnology in Europe** (comparative global performance and presentation of a case study)
- **Biotech research: the emerging trends**

Lunch

- Presentation of **12 biotech companies** (3 sessions)

- **Training and Education**

▣ Day 2

- **Financing Biotechnology: new tools**

- Presentation of **12 biotech companies** (3 sessions)

Lunch

- Presentation of **12 biotech companies** (3 sessions)

- **Interactions between Biotech & Finance spheres**

Symposium programme

▣ Day 3

- **Opening speech** (Member States representative)

- **National & regional biotechnology initiatives**

Lunch

- **Biotech Entrepreneurship: the national and regional experience**

- **Closing speech**

Location: Krediet Bank, ave. du Port 2, 1080 Brussels.

To obtain the detailed programme please contact:

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<http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg12/biot1.html>

see under "Conferences and Events"

Training & Mobility

⇒ 298 training grants awarded in Biotech 2

Some 24 training grants are to be awarded following evaluation of the 47 applications submitted by 1 Nov. 1997. This brings to 298 the number of grants awarded since March 1995, mostly for 24 months and worth over 24 MECU in total.

⇒ next deadlines for receipt of applications:
1 March 1998 - 1 July 1998

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Funding for Workshops

⇒ Reminder: call for practical workshops

Research institutions seeking support to organise advanced practical workshops should request the information package and apply early.

Next **deadline** for submission: 15 March 1998

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World Wide Web

⇒ Biotech homepage on Europa

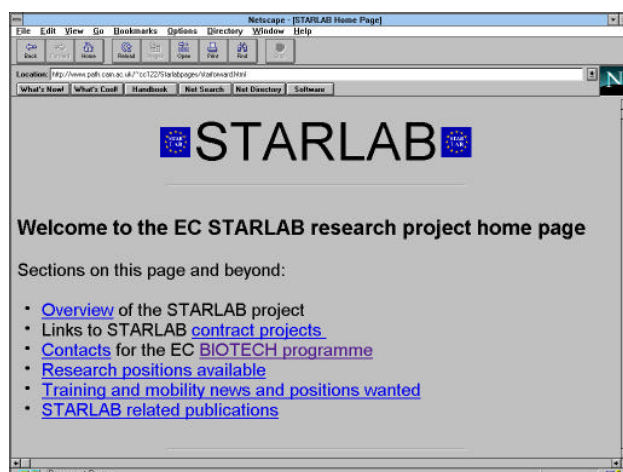
The contents of Biotech programme home page are being continually updated. New sections include:

- list of projects selected following the third call;
- facts and figures summarising the first 3 calls;
- presentation tools for project coordinators.

Links can be arranged with EU project homepages.

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg12/biot1.html>

⇒ example of an EU project homepage



Conferences & Meetings

⇒ Business from Genomics

At the initiative of the Yeast Industry Platform, developments based on genomics research results will be presented by experts from industry, finance and law, covering data bases, intellectual property, venture capital and technology transfer.

Lingotto Center, Turin, 30 March - 1 April 1998.

contact: A-M. Prieels - tel/fax : 32-2-372.0992

E-mail : anne.marie.prieels@skynet.be

http://www.genomics.org

⇒ European Biotechnology Forum: Public Perception and Public Policy

This conference will focus on means of establishing constructive dialogues and policies on key issues in biotechnology with the general public, policy makers, media and public interest organisations.

Brussels, 20-22 April 1998.

For details - fax: 31-70-365.3857

e-mail: efb.cbc@stm.tudelft.nl

http://www.kluyver.stm.tudelft.nl/efb/home

Recent Publications

⇒ Biotechnology (1992-94): Final report

Final report from the Biotechnology 1 programme with abstracts and contact details of projects, including some running up to mid-1997.

Volume 1: 49 projects, 359 pages (EUR 16922).

Volume 2: 84 projects, 708 pages (EUR 1)

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⇒ Biotechnology: Selected achievements

This brochure presents a selection of particularly successful research projects from earlier research programmes in Biotechnology. 24 pages.

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⇒ Molecular tools for screening Biodiversity

This compendium describes and assesses the most recent molecular methodologies for screening and evaluating genetic diversity, and provides guidelines for their use. Many of these techniques were developed within four EC Biotech projects.

edited by A. Karp, P. Isaac & D. Ingram

Chapman & Hall, ISBN 0412638304, 498 pages

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