

MARIE CURIE CONFERENCE – BARCELONA 17-18 JULY 2008

LAST ANNOUNCEMENT – DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MAY 15th

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

Get the skills you need for your career! Come to the Marie Curie workshop and register to ESOF2008!

Tomorrow's researchers should not only be excellent in science but need to have key additional skills in order to:

- Communicate and "sell" their research to public stakeholders and politicians to generate support
- Develop collaboration with private companies to enhance the use of fundamental research
- Foster creative partnerships with other research fields
- Be their own boss – spinning out research ideas into business
- Be informed about funding opportunities

This is what the Marie Curie conference offers to Marie Curie Fellows: a day and a half of training on essentials skills for excellent researchers.

Specialists from academia and private companies, consultants and EC officials will train you and you will be able to interact with them and benefit from their advice and best practice.

It will also be a unique opportunity for you to practise new skills and gain visibility in the research community with your posters and oral presentations dedicated to communication, or private/academic collaboration. You will also have the opportunity to share your dissemination success stories and explore how to reach out and create synergies with other scientific fields.

The conference also includes:

- Workshop on how to access EC funding
- Workshop on how to write successful grant proposals
- Workshop on how creative academics can exploit their research potential in the private sector.

Career opportunities for postdocs/experienced researchers will be discussed with specialists from private sector, scientific publishing, consulting companies etc.

POSTER AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

What type of Poster should I make?

Posters will not just be regular scientific posters but should also reflect your capacity to sell your own research to scientists from other fields, or be example of best practice in private/academic collaboration, and/or in public dissemination. Poster theme could include:

- fostering creative collaborations with other scientific fields
- best practice in dissemination
- exploiting your research results with the private sector
- success stories in research careers

Important! The purpose of these posters is to give you the opportunity to practise these new skills, so if you feel you are too early in your career or you are not sure about the content, **just give it a try and do your best!** By performing this exercise, you will benefit even more from the advice given by the speakers.

How to submit? At the time of registration, fellows will be requested to submit the abstract for a poster or an oral presentation in the round tables on the themes of the conference. The abstract should have a maximum of 200 words, with font Times New Roman 12 and no figures.

Who will give oral presentation?

The best abstract submitted will be selected by a scientific jury and the winner be invited to give an oral presentation during the MC conference.

ATTENDANCE OF MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

The Marie Curie Conference is organized by the European Commission as a training event for Marie Curie Fellows. It is also a means for the EC to monitor progress of funded Fellows and assess whether they are receiving diverse training. For all these reasons, MC fellows are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

REGISTRATION

Who can participate? This conference is only for Marie Curie Fellows. Non-MC fellows are advised to register to the main ESOF conference only.

What does the fee cover? The registration fee of € 350 covers participation in both the Marie Curie and ESOF conferences. It is not possible to register only for the Marie Curie conference but fellows are, of course, not obliged to stay for the ESOF conference.

Who pays? Participation costs can be charged to the Marie Curie contract. There is budget for participation to such events in the allowances the host institution receives. It is typically category E or F expenses for Marie Curie Actions.

Fellows should NOT pay for participation expenses from their salary.

Registration for Marie Curie Fellows:
<http://www.esof2008.org/index.php?id=193>

Deadline: 15th May 2008

SOCIAL EVENT – BEACH PARTY

Networking with other MC fellows is one of the important aspects of the conference. To promote exchange and networking, a beach party will be organized on Thursday evening 17th July.

There will be more social events during the ESOF main conference, check out the ESOF website

VIDEO CONTEST

Promote Marie Curie Actions on the Web!

As part of the training in Communication skills, a video contest on YouTube will be launched.

Marie Curie Fellows interested in participating should upload their video onto YouTube and send the link to the organizers info@esof2008.org by mid June

Videos should not last more than 2 min, and should deal with one of the following themes:

- Presenting your research to the general public
- How would you promote Marie Curie Actions?
- A day in the life of a researcher

The best Video selected by a jury comprising research and communication experts will be shown at the conference and the winner will *receive a prize*.

ESOF

What is the ESOF2008? A unique opportunity to influence the future of science in Europe

The mission of the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) is to provide both the European and the international science communities with an open platform for debate and communication. It presents and profiles Europe's leading research trends in the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It is an opportunity to discuss and influence the future of research and innovation in Europe.

- Discover new trends and directions in research, business, science policy and funding
- Network with leaders of the international science community
- Communicate your research and ideas to an international audience
- Participate in the debate, discussion and excitement of European science and technology
- Meet and talk to scientific journalists from Europe and around the world
- Develop your career, your future projects and your contacts

Find out more about ESOF: <http://www.esof2008.org>