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European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB 2009) returns for another year and is better than ever

EuropaBio and IntertechPira joined forces again to stage the sequel of the hugely successful EFIB 2008 and have already announced new dates and venue.

In 2009 the **European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology** will move from Brussels to **Lisbon, Portugal**. It will be taking place at the **SANA Lisboa Hotel on 20 – 22 October 2009** and will deliver plenary sessions, streams and workshops that focus on the development of white biotechnology, as well as an exhibition.

The programme, built by the advisory panel, will analyse feedstock for the **biobased economy, policies and regulations and the most recent innovations** in the biotechnology field. **EFIB 2009** will feature a high profile guest presentation from Brazil on the developments and progress of the largest biomass provider in the world. Also, various biotechnology markets, such as **automotive, pulp and paper, and textiles**, will be analysed from different perspectives.

The exhibition at **EFIB 2009** will present leading suppliers showcasing the latest innovations in equipment, technology and services and aims to grow even bigger this year.

EFIB 2009's advisory board will feature some new faces, including **Mr Bruno Ferreira** from **BioTrend SA** and **Prof Joaquim M. S. Cabrel** from the **Institute for Biotechnology and Bioengineering** in Portugal. New chairs were also announced:

- **Willy De Greef**, Secretary General, **EUROPABIO**, Belgium
- **Ian Hudson**, President EMEA, **DUPONT**, Switzerland
- **Joaquim Cabral**, Director, **INSTITUTE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOENGINEERING**, Portugal
- **Iain Gillespie**, Head of Biotechnology Division, **OECD**, France *invited*
- **Anindya Mukherjee**, Executive Vice President – Industrial Biotechnology, **DIREVO BIOTECH**, Germany *invited*
- **Peter Woodward**, Founder and Director, **QUEST ASSOCIATES**, UK *invited*

*"The inaugural **European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology** attracted more than 260 international leaders in white biotechnology from 23 countries. Building on this success, we will make sure that in 2009 we put together an unrivalled programme as well as the foremost exhibition and outstanding networking opportunities,"* said Ciaran Little, Head of Global Events at IntertechPira.

The final conference programme will be released at the beginning of April. In the mean time, find out more at the new **EFIB 2009's** official website **www.efibforum.com**.

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