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## **Unrivalled programme for European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB 2009) has been announced**

EuropaBio in co-operation with IntertechPira is proud to announce the programme for this year's **European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB 2009)** featuring a programme full of the leading experts in the industry!

Staged at the **SANA Lisboa Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal on 20 – 22 October 2009**, **EFIB 2009** will deliver plenary sessions, streams and workshops as well as an exhibition.

The event will feature 50 leading experts who will assess the prospects for industrial biotechnology and biobased products in Europe. **EFIB 2009** is proving to be the leading knowledge and networking platform for the industry with various adjoining events taking place in Lisbon during the same week, such as **APBio's 4th annual Biomeet, Biobased Products Advisory Group meeting** and the **BIOCANT Site Visit**.

*"In 2009, our aim is to bring together all stakeholders from government, industry, academia and the financing world. EFIB 2009 will be a meeting place for the successful development of the biobased economy in Europe,"* said Dr Dirk Carrez from EuropaBio.

### **Pre-conference seminars**

The event will commence with 2 parallel pre-conference seminars:

- **Fundamentals of Industrial Biotechnology** workshop is aimed at those wishing to gain a basic understanding of the industrial applications of biotechnology prior to the conference.
- **Business Development for Industrial Biotechnology** seminar is aimed at SME's, start-ups, spin-offs and micro companies wanting to capitalise on turning biotech ideas into commercial applications.

### **Main conference**

The first day of the main conference will start with a plenary session, including presentations from **DuPont, Votorantim, Novozymes, European Commission, Festel Capital, Toyota, CEPI** and **Huntsman Textile Effects**

Three afternoon tracks on day 1 will analyse feedstock, policy and business development in IB. Topics such as EU biomass policy, sustainability in biomass production, the future of biorefinery, and biofuels will be discussed by the **European Commission, Syngenta, Cargill, Forest-based Sector Technology Platform** and **Institute for Energy Renewable Energy Unit**.

The policy track will focus on the UK, Germany, China, Australia and the Asian regions, featuring presentations from **HM Government, BIO.NRW, CCM Ltd, and Corelli Consulting**.

The innovation track will assess the most recent developments in biobased polymers, lactic acid and polylactic acid, novel materials, the role of public-private partnerships, and CLIB2021 project. Presenting companies include **B-Basic, Kluyver Centre for Genomics of Industrial**

**Fermentation, Natureworks, Cluster Industrial Biotechnology CLIB2021, Uhde and Segetis**

The second day will start with 2 parallel tracks examining feedstock and innovation and the **OECD Workshop**.

The feedstock track will analyse the Brazilian sugarcane industry, biofuels, the farmers' perspective, micro algae, and it will close with a panel debate. Delegates will hear from **UNICA, Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, Nouricia, Copa-Cogeca, Algealink, Agro-Transfert Ressources et Territoire** and **D1 Oils Plant Science**.

The innovation track will feature talks from **University College London, SÜD-Chemie, TNO, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus, Ingenza, c-Lecta, Purac/CSM Biochemicals** and **Infraleuna**. It will focus on enzyme engineering, biorefineries, lignocellulose, biopharmaceutical manufacture, novel enzymes as well as biobased chemicals.

The conference will finish with a plenary session discussing how to translate sustainability into economic value. This meeting will include presentations from **Evonik Degussa, B.R.A.I.N., European Commission** and a panel discussion with **DSM White Biotechnology, Natureworks, Aalborg Univeristy, McKinsey's Global Biosystems Group** and the session's presenters.

**EFIB 2009** is the must-attend event of the year providing an update on all recent developments in the industry and an outstanding networking platform. The complete programme is available for download from the conference's official website **[www.efibforum.com](http://www.efibforum.com)**.

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