



Letter to Members

The Association in July 2006

Welcome to another issue of the "Letters to Members". Due to summer vacations, this issue contains only most urgent news and upcoming events. The August issue will include a comprehensive report of the MCFA activities taking place in July-August.

INFORMATIONS FROM NATIONAL GROUPS

MCFA Germany National Group meeting

MCFA Germany National Group meeting is prepared in Western Germany (most probably in Bielefeld). The date has to be confirmed (most probably in October or in November). If you are interested in attending the event, please send an e-mail to office@mariecurie.org.

MCFA Newsletter

Following the recent release of the summer edition of the MCFA Newsletter (downloadable from our web page), we are collecting contribution for the next issue. Comments, reports, opinions, science policy reflections and other useful information can be submitted until September 15th. Please send your contributions to newsletter@mariecurie.org.

Reminder: Media and PR Unit

The next issue of 'Personal Journeys' (published by Science Careers), will focus on the careers and experiences of the Marie Curie Fellows in UK. It will consist of several stories or a single article with interviews with several fellows. There is no deadline for contribution but early submission is encouraged. Please contact Christina Vidinova at christinavidinova@gmail.com.

Reminder: Translation of the MCFA activity reports from English to French – Call for help

The MCFA has been asked to provide an account of its activities (mainly the activity reports and minutes from the past annual general meetings) for the period 2003–2004. Help with the translation of these documents from English to French would be very much appreciated. This task can be easily managed by splitting the documents into small parts of up to five pages. French speaking members willing to help are kindly asked to contact us at office@mariecurie.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH MCFA REPRESENTATION OR CO-ORGANIZED BY THE MCFA

Marie Curie Nikola Tesla Conference, Belgrad/Zagrab, 7-11 October 2006

The conference, organised by the Croatian and Serbian governments in co-operation with the European Commission, is set to celebrate Nikola Tesla as a remarkable, innovative scientist whose groundbreaking achievements and discoveries changed the research landscape for future generations. As a reflection of Tesla's contributions to science and innovation, the workshop will be multidisciplinary and cover engineering, physics, mathematics and information sciences, as well as related key issues such

as intellectual property and patents. The conference will provide a unique view of the state of the art in these disciplines and enable participants to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration and explore future career paths.

For registration and submission of your abstract please use the on-line facility available at the following web sites www.hatz.hr/MarieCurie2006 or <http://www.mntr.sr.gov.yu/MarieCurie2006>.

Deadline: 25 August 2006

European Forum on Nanosciences, Brussels, 19th –20th October 2006

Nanosciences are exploring what happens on the "nanometric" scale and thus in a dimension, where our understanding of rules gained on "macro" scale, have to be revised. This field is now advancing rapidly thanks to the strong synergy among disciplines, encouraging connections with biotechnology and biomedicine, information technology and computing science as well as with cognitive science and cognitive neuroscience. The "European Forum on Nanosciences" aims to explore the wide range of new possibilities, underlining the international and interdisciplinary character of this field.

The European Forum on Nanoscience is organized by COST in Brussels. Deadline for submission of abstracts for Poster presentations is the 1st September.

See www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=875 for more information.

Public Panel Discussion on Science for an Environmentally Sustainable Future: deficits, visions, solutions, August 29, 17.30 h

This public panel discussion is held as part of InterCarto – InterGIS 12 at Best Western Hotel Steglitz International Albrechtstr. 2, D- 12165 Berlin (Steglitz), Germany. Attendance is free. Please register at <http://www.intercarto12.net> before August 24.

Panelists: Felicia O. Akinyemi, Sociodemographic Research, Nigeria/

Germany; Marek Baranowski, UNEP/GRID Center, Warsaw, Poland; David Fraser, RMIT, Melbourne, Australia; Stephan Gottwald, PSI GmbH, Environm. Disaster Protection, Berlin; Márta Nagy-Rothengass, EC, DG INFSO, Bruxelles, Belgium; Nguyen Xuan Thinh, Inst. Ecological Development, Dresden

FUNDING and CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

EMBO/EMBL Science Writing Prize

The prize is given annually for an outstanding piece of science writing designed to communicate a topical issue to a non-scientific audience. There is one winner only, and the prize may not be awarded twice to the same person. Deadline for receipt of articles: 15 September

http://www.embo.org/scisoc/writing_prize.html

Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Prize 2007

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) awards the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Prize 2007 to 6 postdoctorate researchers. Nominations of outstanding candidates for the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize can be submitted to the DFG until 31 August. The prize is awarded to young researchers holding a doctorate in any discipline for their outstanding achievement either at a research institution in Germany or a German research institution abroad. It is intended to assist young researchers in furthering their scientific careers. Nominees younger than 35 years will be favored. The prize of €16.000 each is awarded on the basis of nominations received in response to an invitation for recommendations from the DFG. For further details of the nomination and the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Prize use the following link: http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/scientific_prizes/

hm_leibnitz_prize.html

Many thanks for your constant interest in
the Association,

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