



Letter to Members

The Association in August 2006

Welcome to another issue of the "Letters to Members". After the summer vacations, this issue contains also information referring to the events held in July and August.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Annual General Assembly

The next MCFA Annual General Assembly will take place in **Venice, October 21/22**. All MCFA members are invited to attend the assembly. The agenda includes the presentation of activity and financial reports, the election of a new administrative board, and the discussion of the changes to the MCFA statutes. In the second, informal part of the meeting we will discuss the changes to Marie Curie Actions under the FP7. Detailed information about the venue will be put on the MCFA home page. If you intend to attend the meeting, please let us know at office@mariecurie.org. We have booked a large number of rooms but need to release the rooms which will not be used. The accommodation in the selected hotel will be covered by the Association, the travel costs need to be covered by the participants themselves. Please remember that you can use your own (project) budget for this, if you are a current fellow.

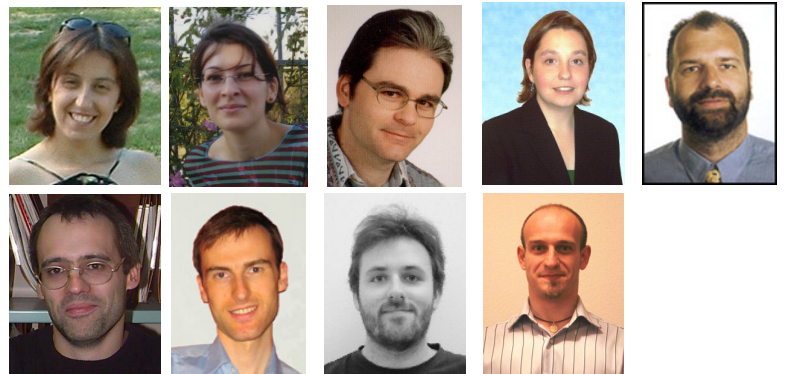
Call for the new administrative board

We invite candidatures for the new MCFA administrative board. The MCFA board is the main executive body of the Association. As a board member you will be able to collect new experiences and extend your skills, which may open you alternative career paths. If you are interested to candidature for board, please contact us at

office@mariecurie.org.

Translation of the MCFA activity reports from English to French - Thanks for the help

In the last letter we have asked for help to translate the MCFA activity reports to French. We would like to thank to all colleagues who replied to our call. Split into smaller packages of ca. five pages each,



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INFORMATIONS FROM NATIONAL GROUPS

A number of the MCFA national groups plan to organise a meeting in their respective countries in autumn 2006. Although the dates and venues have still to be confirmed, the organisation of meetings in Germany, Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia is well advanced. Please contact the national coordinators of these countries or MCFA office (office@mariecurie.org) if you are interested to participate at these meetings.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF MCFA MEMBERS

Doina Ciobanu received grant from Moldovian Travel Fellowship Program which permits her to join the Department of Molecular Biology, Berkeley (CA)

Rosalie Luiten appointed as member group of the Dutch Advisory Group for the Marie Curie programme

Jaroslav Mysiak received the Early Career Excellence Award of the International Environmental Modelling and Software Society

Antonella Di Trapani was appointed as the European Science Foundation's EUROCORES Programme Coordinator for Physical and Engineering sciences.

FUNDING and CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Turkish Young Scientist Programme

This program supports scientists who completed their PhD not longer than five years before applying for the grant. The grant amounts to ca. 110.000 Euro and can be used over a period of three years. More information can be found at <http://>

UK GRADSchool

MCFA members at PostDoc level can become Mentors in the UKGRADSchool Programme. Similar opportunity may soon be available for MCFA members at postgraduate level.

More information:

http://www.grad.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/GRAD_courses/GRADschool_Mentors/p!eaLbcig

European Young Investigator (EURYI) Awards

EURYI Awards promote scientific excellence, with wide international recognition, by supporting these distinguished researchers to develop and pursue an independent research career, including the development of a research group where appropriate, aimed at opening up new lines of research including novel methodologies. Open to young researchers from anywhere in the world who hold a doctoral degree (at PhD or at a recognised equivalent doctoral level) the defence date of which will be between 24 and 96 months prior to the closing date of the call, taking into account career breaks.

Deadline: 30 November 2006

More information: http://www.esf.org/esf_genericpage.php?section=8&language=0&genericpage=1879

Research Networking Programmes

An ESF Research Networking Programme is a networking activity bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science.

Deadline: 30 October 2006

More information: http://www.esf.org/esf_genericpage.php?language=0§ion=2&domain=0&genericpage=2309

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: 15 September

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

RECENT CONFERENCES WITH MCFA PARTICIPATION

Breakfast with Philippe Martin (DG Health and consumer protection, E.C.) on REGULATING NANOTECHNOLOGY, July 12, Brussels

The event was dedicated to the latest developments related to regulating nanotechnology. Lyudmila Zinchenko, Simone Napolitano and Konstantinos attended the event as MCFA representatives.

The meeting of the MCFA national coordinators, July 15, Munich

Sixteen National Group Coordinators from 10 countries attended the meeting, organized by Antonella Di Trapani in Munich. Georges Bingen, Head of Strategy and Policy, DG-Research was invited to participate to the meeting and attended the first part of it.



The participants included Antonella Di Trapani (Board, UK), Vanessa Diaz-Zuccarini (UK), Natalia Balcazar (Germany), Lyudmila Zinchenko (Germany), Manuela Giovanetti (Italy), Daniel Praeg (Italy), Maria Antonietta Buccheri (Italy), Stafan Ratschan

(Czech Republic), Stefan Santha (Hungary), Aigars Eikers (Latvia), Ihor Sydoryk (Latvia), Daniel Gromadzky (Lithuania), Simona Vonica (Romania), Elif Arici Bogner (Austria), Ram N Singh (Sweden)

FP7- Irish Universities Association, July 26, Dublin

A special focus session, chaired by Dr Conor O'Carroll (Head of Research Office IUA), was dedicated to Marie Curie Programme under the FP7. Doina Ciobanu and Silvia Giordani (MCFA National Group Coordinators for Ireland) participated at the meeting.

Meeting of MCFA national group in Ireland, July 28, Limerick

The meeting of the MCFA National Group in Ireland took place at the University of Limerick, Room: C1050, Charles Parsons.

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

Career und Gender - Was Universitäten tun und Unternehmen erwarten, October 9-11, Hamburg

The event is organised by Women's Career Center of the University Hamburg. See for more detail <http://www.verwaltung.uni-hamburg.de/vp-1/3/34/wcc/Tagungsprogramm.html>

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

Deadline for the registration to the Marie Curie Nikola Tesla Conference in October, has been extended until the 22nd September. The MCFA plans to organize a stand during the conference. If you plan to attend the event, please contact Christos Christoglou

(christos.christoglou@gmail.com).

Additional information at http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/news/events_en.html.

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>.

European Forum on Nanoscience, October 19-20, Brussels

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. The venue is Charlemagne Building (meeting room CHA S3), Rue de la Loi 170, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. The MCFA will be represented by a group of researchers working in the field.

More information can be found under <http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=875>

EPWS Network Event, October 20th, Brussels

The European Platform of Women Scientists organizes its first Network Event on the 20th of October 2006. This event will address potential member networks, present the Platform and prepare for the Association's first General Assembly in 2007. MCFA will be represented at the event. You can download the latest newsletter from their website www.epws.org

Marie Curie Day, November 27, Canberra

Australia will hold its first "Marie Curie Day" for all Marie Curie Fellows, past and present, on November the 27th 2006, in Canberra, Australia. The event will be held in association with the FEAST 2006 Conference "Research Without Borders" (<http://www.feast.org/conference2006/>), the leading science policy dialogue event in Australia. All Marie Curie Fellows from anywhere in the world are invited to attend the Marie Curie Day and FEAST Conference. Participation in Marie Curie Day is free, and a reduced registration fee will be applied for the Conference.

MCFA national group in Australia participates in the organisation of the event.

Science Policies Meet Reality: gender, women and youth in central and Eastern Europe, December 1-2, Prague

Organised by the Central European Centre for Women and Youth in Science, the conference will take place at Masarykova kolej, Thákurova 1, Prague 6, Czech Republic. Several MCFA members submitted an abstract to the conference. More information on their website: www.cec-wys.org/html/index.php?s1=1&s2=15&s3=1&lng=13

FP7 event, February 13th 2007, Den Haag

Dutch EU Liaison office organises an FP7 information event. More information (in Dutch) can be found under http://www.senternovem.nl/egl/Kaderprogramma7/kp7_congres.asp

Many thanks for your constant interest in the Association,

Jaroslav Mysiak