

3rd European Biotechnology Week

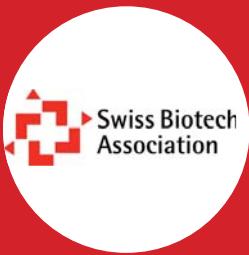
**Biotech for Life
across Europe 2015**



EUROPEAN
BIOTECH
WEEK



Participating Biotech Associations



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60% of Europe now engaging in European Biotech Week

At EuropaBio we realise how important it is to foster dialogue and information sharing in the scientifically complex and often misunderstood area of biotechnology. Our members are committed to developing tools and solutions for some of the world's main challenges and we have a responsibility to share what we know and to facilitate an open discussion among all stakeholders to accompany these developments. European Biotech Week was created three years ago with this specific objective in mind and offers all stakeholders including industry, academia, public and private institutions as well as individual citizens the opportunity to dialogue, raise awareness and debate about the science, the products and the benefits that biotechnology brings in areas as diverse as healthcare, agriculture, food, energy and industrial processing.

Year upon year, the participation in European Biotech Week has increased with a record 15 countries taking part in the 2015 edition. The 100+ initiatives organised this year by a myriad of biotech

associations, universities, cultural and research centres, government institutions, schools, large and small biotech companies and science museums involved thousands of Europeans in a much needed effort to unravel the complexities of this revolutionary science and how it is harnessed for the benefit of society.

All these events were also covered live on social media, contributing to the success of the #biotechweek campaign which reached nearly 17.000 impressions and a 19 % growth in followers over two weeks and inspired new organisations to get involved.

On behalf of EuropaBio and its members, I would like to thank and congratulate all those who worked hard to make European Biotech Week 2015 such a success. We look forward to working with you and many others next year for the **4th edition of European Biotech Week scheduled from 26 September to 2 October 2016**, when we will also join forces with other countries around the world to turn it into a Global Biotech Week – stay tuned & stay involved!



Nathalie Moll

EuropaBio Secretary General

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BELGIUM

Sept 30

Visit with students from the Technical University of Munich – Brussels

A delegation of 35 international students exchanged views with EuropaBio's directors of healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology concerning the current regulations and policies related to biotech in Europe.

Oct 6-7

Making more of bioeconomy R&D results – Brussels

This two-day event organised by Greenovate! Europe attracted over 120 attendees, bringing together researchers from the agricultural, fisheries, food and biotechnology sectors. The variety of participants made it a valuable networking opportunity for those in search of investors, industrial partners, or new consortia to further develop their results. Participants praised the innovative format of the conference, which included “elevator pitch” sessions on how to optimise exploitation strategies and bring results to market, but also round-table “knowledge exchange” sessions to share and generate ideas for further research. The ProBIO project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement n° 652683.

Oct 12

Bio.Be annual seminar on the Nagoya Protocol’s impact on companies – Mechelen

Several examples of the use of genetic resources by companies and collections were given to exemplify the IP and legal framework of the Nagoya Protocol. The aim was to inform the industry, academics and the government in general, but also to highlight the issues that the biotech sector is confronted with in implementing the Nagoya Protocol. After a lively Q&A, the Belgian Secretary of State for Science Policy Mrs Sleurs stressed the importance of access to genetic resources for innovation.



Seminar with students at the European Economic and Social Committee

From Science to Patients: Enabling personalised medicine through healthcare biotech – Brussels

To kick off European Biotech Week, EuropaBio organised a multi-stakeholder conference, which enabled speakers from industry, public authorities, patient organisations, academics and healthcare professionals to address a number of key issues concerning personalised medicine. Discussions focused on the importance of timely access of personalised medicine to patients as well as on the need to speed up clinical development of new molecules in Europe.

*Making more
of bioeconomy
R&D results'*



*Philippe
De Backer MEP*



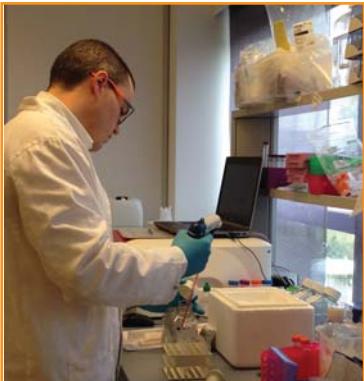
*Robin Evers,
Chair of
EuropaBio's
Healthcare
Biotech
Council*



*Bio.Be annual seminar:
Panel discussion moderated by Patrick Rudelsheim
& Dominic Muyldermans, ABS-int*



Enabling personalised medicine through healthcare biotech



Celyad labs in
Mont-Saint-Guibert

Oct 13

Company site visit to Celyad – Mont-Saint-Guibert

European and national policy-makers took a guided tour of Celyad, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company specialised in cell-based therapies and recently singled out by the FT. Jointly organised by Bio.Be and EuropaBio, the visit aimed at showing the benefit of advanced therapies in treating patients and raising awareness of the challenges companies face while developing such products.

Oct 14

Re-nationalising EU policies? The EU debate on GMOs – Brussels

European Parliament Environment Committee Chair, Giovanni La Via MEP, and Paolo De Castro MEP hosted a discussion on the European Commission's proposal allowing member states to ban the use of GM food and feed on their territory. The roundtable gathered representatives from the European Parliament, European Commission, permanent representations, embassies, as well as members of the food and feed chain, scientists and farmers' organisations. Nathalie Moll, Secretary General at EuropaBio, concluded the debate by encouraging all stakeholders to clearly communicate about the benefits of agricultural biotech.



Breakfast roundtable at the European Parliament

Oct 15

Company site visit to Galactic – Escanaffles

A visit to the Galactic manufacturing plant in Escanaffles for over a dozen regional, national and European policy-makers allowed them to experience first-hand the production of biobased lactic acid and its many applications. Organised in cooperation between Bio.Be and EuropaBio, the visit comprised a tour of the manufacturing facilities as well as a presentation of the production processes that are at play and the different products produced on site, thus giving visitors an opportunity to find out more about the technological possibilities and the market opportunities that lie ahead for this emerging sector.



Galactic
PLA factory
in Escanaffles



Oct 19

Company site visit to Bayer CropScience – VIB and the port of Ghent

EuropaBio, the Belgian biotech association Bio.Be, the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology VIB and Bayer CropScience jointly organised a visit for EU policy-makers to VIB's research labs and greenhouses, including its plant phenotyping platform PHENOVISION and its GM maize research. The visit was followed by real-life experience relating to the grain and feed trade with a visit of the port of Ghent.

Oct 25

Flanders biotech day – Leuven

The VIB Biotech Day in Leuven attracted approximately 4,400 visitors, exploring the importance of brain and cancer research carried out at the Flemish institute and by other biotech players in the region. More than 300 collaborators brought the diversified programme to life, by organising lab tours, lectures, a biotech café, film projections, a theatre play and "kids only" activities. Biotech Day was also covered by national news television channels: VRT, VTM and Karrewiet.

*Visit to Bayer CropScience:
Presentation by
Beat Späth,
Director of Ag Biotech
at EuropaBio*



*Flanders biotech day:
Discovery activities
for young and old*



CZECH REPUBLIC

Oct 16

Info Day, Horizon 2020 “Health, demographic change & wellbeing” – Prague

With more than 70 participants, this event was one of the biggest aiming at stimulating the Czech Republic's involvement in H2020. Along with providing the most up-to-date information on open calls for R&D project funding, the speakers also shared statistics on closed calls and highlighted the good success rate of the Czech applicants even though less active than other member states. It was a great opportunity to interact and network with representatives of the European Commission and of the Czech Ministry of Health, as well as to learn from the successful applicants and the researchers who work as evaluators within this programme.



Audience listening to Professor Eva Sebroňová, Technologické centrum AV ČR, and Jan Kubalík, DEX Innovation Centre



FINLAND

Oct 13

Career day for graduates – Helsinki

Career Day offered doctoral candidates in the field of life sciences the opportunity to meet people representing various professions and organisations, to learn how to effectively and professionally introduce oneself in academic settings and how to update CVs and LinkedIn profiles in accordance with the latest standards. The day started in the University of Helsinki with parallel LinkedIn and pitching workshops and continued in the invited experts' companies in the afternoon. The day concluded with a CV workshop. In total around 40 students took part in the activities throughout the day. The event was organised by the Doctoral School in Health Sciences together with the students' own BiotechClub.

Genome editing – threats and opportunities – Helsinki

Organised by the Advisory Board of Biotechnology, the seminar took place in the Ministry of Environment and gathered scientists, students, government officers as well as other stakeholders. Prof. Teemu Teeri, from the University of Helsinki, kicked off the seminar with a speech on new plant breeding techniques, followed by a presentation by Dr. Kirmo Wartiovaara about gene editing in biomedicine. The guest speaker, Prof. Ken Oye from the USA, shared ethical considerations, especially with regard to synthetic biology. The seminar ended with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Finnish Environment Institute, the Universities of Helsinki and Aalto and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.



Panel at the Genome editing seminar

Oct 12-18

Infographic competition for school children – LUMA center

What is biotechnology and where can it be used? The answer isn't clear to many adults, not to mention children. That's why the Economic Information Office and the Network of Experts held a webinar for school children to explain the basics of biotech. Upper comprehensive and secondary schools all over Finland could follow the broadcast on the web. Prof. Teemu Teeri and researcher Pipsa Saharinen from the University of Helsinki showcased the benefits of modern biotechnology in plant breeding, food production and medicine. Discussions also included themes about the way genetic information affects future healthcare to name but one area.



Biotech camp for elementary school students

Bacteria made by primary school children

Oct 12-14

Biotechnology from inventions to commercialisation – Helsinki

The joint biotechnology degree programme in Viikki Campus organised two public lectures as part of longer series targeting biotechnology students. The lectures focused on innovation, patenting, licensing, technology transfer from laboratories to companies, patent databases, legislation and funding of SMEs. Both public lectures covered biotech topics, such as the funding of SMEs, new innovations and career examples of entrepreneurs.

Oct 15-16

Biotech camp for elementary school students – Espoo

The biotechnology camp was organised by the Chemistry Education Centre Kemma, the Centre for Bioscience Education BioPop and the LUMA Centre Aalto. The instructors, biology and chemistry students from the University of Helsinki, set up fun and inspiring activities for young students who made bioplastics from starch and milk, extracted DNA from bananas, studied and cultivated different bacteria, etc. The main objective behind this initiative was to provide meaningful and interesting activities for children and to spark interest in biotechnology.

Oct 16

Biosciences pitching competition for students – Helsinki

Finnish Bioindustries organised this competition to encourage students in the field of biosciences to take a more positive stand towards biobusiness and entrepreneurship. The Finnish Bioindustries' board chose eight finalists, from across Finland and mostly grad school students. Their business ideas varied from dog breeding and diagnostic tests to the use of lignocellulose as raw material for biofuels production. Gayathri Murukesan and Martina Jokel, from the University of Turku, won the competition thanks to their "Algae BioCompounds ABC", a service company testing and analysing suitable algae strains for large-scale production of biobased products. The prize of the competition was a €1000 cheque.



Jury and finalists of the Finnish Bioindustries pitching competition



Gayathri Murukesan and Martina Jokel, winners of the competition



FRANCE

Oct 6

Workshop on the seed sector and the impact of ag biotech – Paris

Speaking at AFBV's workshop, Christiane Lambert, FNSEA Vice President, and Jean-Christophe Gouache of Limagrain reminded participants that France's seed sector is leading in Europe, with a €2.5 billion turnover (of which €1 billion in exports). During the panel discussion Olivier Lucas of UFS requested that varieties obtained through new breeding techniques ("NBTs") be exempt from GMO classification, while AFBV President Georges Pelletier emphasized that plant biotechnologies coupled with knowledge of the genes of interest could speed up variety development and increased yields. He warned that since 1995 there has been stagnation in yield increase due to climatic effects. Finally, AFBV called upon developed countries to spend \$1 billion in research in each of the next 10 years in the field of abiotic stress (heat and drought tolerance).



Oct 13

Biosafety workshop – Courtabœuf

Held in one of the Eurofins Biopharma Product Testing laboratory near Paris, the biosafety workshop was successfully conducted by Dr. Arnaud Carlotti. It brought together several French pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical and medical device companies, which discussed different aspects of biosafety: on one hand PCR, RT-PCR principle and results interpretation; on the other application cases such as fungal and bacterial DNA detection after sterility. Some regulatory matters were also pointed out by the experts and participants. This small working group

allowed everyone to share their own issues and experience. Due to positive feedback and interest, a similar workshop will be organised next year with a part dedicated to regulation.

Oct 15-16

Rendez-Vous de Concarneau: Where Industry meets Science in marine biotechnology – Concarneau

More than 60 international participants attended the 7th edition of the Rendez-Vous de Concarneau. The first session focused on the important aspect of laws in marine biotechnology in Europe. The new legislation for Access and Benefit Sharing, based on the Nagoya protocol, was explained and relevant questions were asked by an engaged audience during a round table discussion. The second session gave an overview of marine biotech in Europe and in the US for SMEs, with special attention given to algae cultures and macroalgae-based products. The second day was entirely devoted to marine biotechnology in Polynesia and the conference concluded with presentations on the prospect of the technology.



Christiane Lambert, FNSEA



Georges Pelletier, AFBV



AFBV panel



Group picture at the 7th edition of the "Rendez-vous de Concarneau"



GERMANY

Oct 1-2

Bionexion's partnering conference for life sciences tech transfer – Leipzig

Bionexion brought together top scientists, technology transfer professionals and the international life sciences industry. This networking platform was a great opportunity to find contacts involved in basic and advanced inventions as well as in innovative and dynamic research companies. This year's priority was Poland, supporting the development of cooperation with Eastern Europe.



Bionexion partnering conference

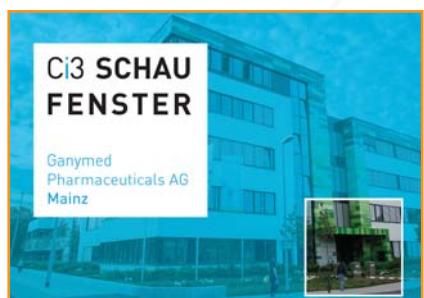
Oct 13

UNI meets Pharma+Nano 2015 – Konstanz

More than 80 experts came together to discuss innovations in drug development and medicine. The University of Konstanz and the BioLAGO partner network "NanobioNet" were co-organisers of the event. Sepsis is still one of the most dangerous diseases leading to death in a short period of time. Only rapid diagnosis and improvements in therapy can help to reduce today's mortality rate of 60 %. Inge Herrman of the Research Institute Empa (St. Gallen, Switzerland) presented the development of a new therapy that uses nanoparticles to filter foreign particles from blood to prevent inflammation. Additionally attendees from science and industry had the opportunity to use the information booths of biotechnology companies and research institutes to exchange news about latest developments.



Dr Inge Hermann from Empa presents a new therapy against sepsis



@Ganymed

Oct 14

Innovative antibody drug therapies against cancer – Mainz

Ganymed Pharmaceuticals AG, partner in the cluster for individualised immune intervention (Ci3) in Mainz, opened its doors to the public. More than 50 attendees used the opportunity to gain insight into the company's history and the development of innovative antibody therapies against cancer. The highlight of the event was a guided tour through the laboratories. There, visitors were able to witness the day to day work in medical research and development, and learn about important lab methods. Thereafter, a gathering around poster presentations offered visitors further information about the company's current research projects and networking.

Press-workshop on the hot topics in biotech – Berlin

BIO Deutschland, one of Germany's national biotechnology organisations, invited members of the German press to discuss current topics regarding the vibrant biotechnology sector as well as the relationship between press officers and journalists and the culture of debate, respectively. Joachim Müller-Jung (chief editor for the nature and science section of the nationwide newspaper „Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung“), Martin Langer (Executive Vice President Corporate Development BRAIN AG, a leading corporation in the field of industrial biotechnology), Boris Fehse (Professor und Group Leader for cell and gene therapy, University Hospital Hamburg) and Horst Rehberger (retired minister and president of the “Forum Grüne Vernunft”, an association that aims to educate the general public about green gene technology) gave short keynote speeches which were followed by animated discussions.

Oct 15

Licensing of innovations in life sciences – Greifswald

Licensing of innovative life sciences products is a critical barrier for both start-ups and established companies entering the market. Taking a close look at the complex licensing process a recent workshop held in Greifswald offered the chance to exchange experiences and opened some surprising perspectives on the topic. The workshop was organised by BioCon Valley® within the European Biotech Week.



Intensive workshop atmosphere at the Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology

 **IRELAND**

Sept 29

Opportunities in BioPharma Research – Dublin

Over 120 delegates gathered in Ireland's National Institute for BioProcessing (NIBRT) for this inaugural event. This was an energetic initiative that provided an excellent opportunity for industry and academia to align and strengthen knowledge and links in the biopharma research space in Ireland. Through networking, presentations, poster sessions and a panel discussion, this meeting provided delegates with the most up to date information on topics such as research funding opportunities, industry insight and presentations from a number of the country's leading biopharma research teams. An address from Minister Damien English, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation highlighted the importance of the research community within the biopharma landscape.

Oct 15

Teacher training “Amgen Biotech Experience” – Dublin

This innovative science education programme offered secondary school teachers hands-on laboratory experience, teaching materials as well as access to professional grade scientific equipment and free reagents for use at school. Hosted at the Biomedical Diagnostics Institute, 17 teachers from 13 different schools took part in the training and will soon be able to collect the equipment to repeat the experiments with their students.



Laboratory experience at Amgen



ITALY

Sept 24-25

Forum on industrial biotechnology and bioeconomy – Lodi

In collaboration with: Innovhub-SSI, Italian Biocatalysis Center, Enterprise Europe Network, PTP Science Park, Banca Popolare di Lodi

The event aimed at surveying research and industrial projects in the field of biotechnology in order to strengthen networks in the Euro-Mediterranean area and to promote industry-industry and industry-university partnerships. This year, over 200 people from ten different countries attended the Forum.



Full room at the conference on job opportunities in pharmaceutical biotech

Oct 8-9

Annual meeting on mesenchymal stem cells – Brescia

In collaboration with: Gruppo Italiano Staminali Mesenchimali

The GISM annual meeting covered some of the hottest topics in the mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) research field. During the meeting, issues concerning new findings in MSC biology, MSC and cancer, MSC manufacturing and regulatory policies, as well as MSC therapeutic application in human and veterinary medicine were presented and discussed by 19 world class expert scientists. The program provided an interdisciplinary forum with the aim of bringing together practitioners and researchers to share and discuss the latest discoveries and to stimulate cross-disciplinary collaborations.

Oct 12

Job opportunities in pharmaceutical biotech – Padova

In collaboration with: Students from CdLM in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies dell'UNIPD

For the 4th year running, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Masters students of the University of Padua organised this conference on job opportunities in biotech. More than 250 students from the biological, biomedical and pharmaceutical departments took part in the event and heard from graduates who have already made their way into the working world of biotech.

New biotechnologies for quality, food safety and public health – Rome

In collaboration with: National Committee for Biosafety, Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CNBBSV); National Observatory for Biosafety and Biotechnology (ONBB) of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers; Italian Society of Proteomics (Italian Association Proteomics, ITPA)

The workshop focused on the development of new biotechnologies, ensuring the quality and safety of food. The event covered lots of topics, such as the impact of new diets on health (cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, hypertension), the reviews of trends in international research and the impact on health system sustainability. Approximately 120 participants were involved in the initiative.

Innovative products for regenerative medicine – Milan

In collaboration with: Associazione Farmaceutici Industria (AFI)

Regenerative medicine, with its potential to repair and replace tissues and organs, heralds new hope for the medical treatments of the future and the development of a new generation of diagnostics and therapeutics. This debate was a perfect opportunity to illustrate the technical, regulatory and scientific aspects of these innovative products through testimonials from the academic, healthcare and industrial sectors. The event was attended by approx. 100 people.



Lively discussion on regenerative medicine in Milan

PlayDecide on rare diseases

– Turin/Florence/Campobasso

In collaboration with: UNIAMO F.I.M.R. Onlus

PlayDecide is a discussion game certified by the European Commission to foster a debate in a simple and effective way about controversial issues. Uniamo, the Italian Federation of Rare Diseases organised three separate PlayDecides – held in Turin, Florence and Campobasso – on orphan drugs and stem cells/newborn screenings. These topics were analysed and debated from the point of view of different key players: rare diseases patients, researchers, associations, health professionals, students and institutional representatives. More than 180 people attended these events.



PlayDecide on rare diseases in Florence

The Role of yeast in biomedical research – Bari

In collaboration with: CNR-IBBE

The general public knows yeast mostly for its use in wine, beer and bread production. Yet, its role in the chemistry of the fermentation process, genetics and cells, as well as in the computational end system biology remains largely unknown. Thanks to this event, about 50 visitors discovered experimental techniques related to the use of a yeast model in biomedical research.

Oct 12-13

Biotech Discovery Lab 2.0 “Research for passion” – Naples

In collaboration with: IEOS and IBB

The Institute of CNR (IEOS and IBB) participated in European Biotech Week with the 2nd edition of its discovery lab. Seminars, movies and visits to research laboratories in Naples were organised to promote the dissemination of scientific knowledge and bring biotechnologies to citizens and students.

Oct 12-14

Epigenetics: The Memory of the world in our body – Udine

In collaboration with: Istituto di Genomica Applicata – IGA Technology Services

IGA scientists introduced a film by the Milan School of Cinema and Television created under the EPIGENOMICS Flagship project to secondary school students. After the screening, the scientists explained all the research done by IGA within the EPIGEN project and the young visitors took a guided tour of the laboratories of Next Generation Sequencing.

Oct 12-16

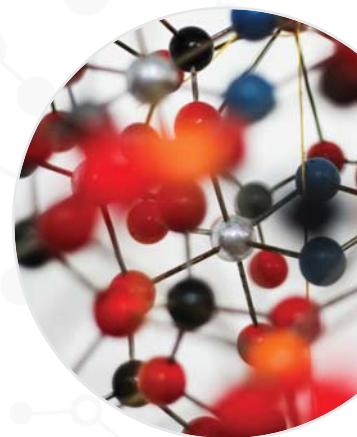
Molecular biology labs for primary & secondary schools – Bologna

In collaboration with: Science in practice – Fondazione Golinelli project area

Secondary school students took part in three labs – meat ID, GM product screening and genetic polymorphisms using Alu PCR – and tested the various applications of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), a molecular biology technique devised in 1983 by Kary Mullis, who went on to win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for it in 1993.

In collaboration with: School of Ideas, a project area of the Fondazione Golinelli

During two labs, primary and secondary school students experienced some of the techniques used in molecular biology in an interactive and amusing way by using everyday examples.



Oct 12-17

Life scientists for a day – Siena

In collaboration with: Toscana Life Sciences Foundation

Several high schools let their students gain experience as scientists, equipped with lab coats and work instruments inside a real laboratory. The youths were flanked by researchers from Toscana Life Sciences incubator and Siena University's Department of Biotechnology, Chemistry and Pharmacy for the entire morning, which consisted of a guided tour of research laboratories and performing experiments. The students were introduced to the world of research and guided in university choices, allowing them to experience first-hand how exciting it can be to work in the life sciences sector.

PlayDecide on vaccination – Bologna

In collaboration with: Minerva Associazione di Divulgazione Scientifica

These two PlayDecide events allow secondary school students to analyse and debate the theme of vaccination.

Oct 13

Converging Technologies for Health: Challenges and opportunities for companies and citizens – Turin

In collaboration with: Bioindustry Park Silvano Fumero

The integration of life sciences with biotechnologies, ICT, nanotechnologies, new materials and other sciences, both physical and cognitive, is becoming a reality. What are the challenges and the market opportunities emerging from this approach today? What are the benefits for people? What is the role of research and startups? An open conversation on these topics took place at the Bioindustry Park Silvano Fumero during the European Biotech Week.

Key enabling technology for the Italian bioeconomy – Bologna

In collaboration with: Università di Bologna

Industrial biotechnology is the basis of development of the bioeconomy. The event in Bologna presented 4 cases of Italian white biotech companies engaged in the research and development of new biobased products. With them were representatives from farmers' associations for a broader discussion involving the whole bioeconomy value chain in the region of Emilia Romagna, set to play a leading role in the Italian bioeconomy.

Job in biotechnology – Varese

In collaboration with: Università dell'Insubria

The event "Biotechnologist Wanted", organised by the University of Insubria, was an opportunity to learn about job openings in this field. Experts from associations, industry and academia explained what perspectives are open to young biotechnologists and revealed that graduates from biotechnology at the University of Insubria today reach full employment within three years of graduation.

Laboratory visits for biotech applications – Naples

In collaboration with: Istituto di Biochimica delle Proteine – CNR Napoli

The Institute of Protein Biochemistry CNR opened its laboratories in Naples to disseminate research and scientific knowledge among young people, teachers and all those interested in basic research and biotechnology applications. Thanks to high resolution microscopies more than 100 people saw the structures of the proteins and how these interact with each other and with other molecules present inside and outside cells. They learned about the full potential of the immune system, the latest generation of vaccines and immunotherapies, how life evolved under extreme cold conditions in the Antarctic environment, and how innovative enzymes for environmental decontamination were discovered.

Let's Research: Science in action – Naples

In collaboration with: IBBR-NA

Researchers at the Institute of Biosciences and BioResources CNR introduced students and teachers to the role of biotechnologies in several fields of great interest, such as staminal cell, nutrition and model systems. They were able to share their international experiences through interactive talks, creating curiosity and spreading scientific knowledge.



Open doors at MolMed, a leading biotech SME – Bresso

MolMed is a medical biotechnology company based in Bresso (Milan) focused on research, development and clinical validation of innovative therapies to treat cancer. It was the recipient of the 2015 EuropaBio Most Innovative Healthcare Biotech SME in Europe. The open doors kicked off with a presentation of how MolMed handles its products and main analysis techniques, and continued with visits at new facilities and laboratories including for quality control and development.



Light & biotech application in the study of living organisms – Teramo

In collaboration with: ANBI Abruzzo, University of Teramo

The UN General Assembly declared 2015 the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies. This event focused on light-matter interaction and applications in biotechnology, bringing together more than 500 students.

Technology forum life sciences “Strengthening the links for innovation” – Milan

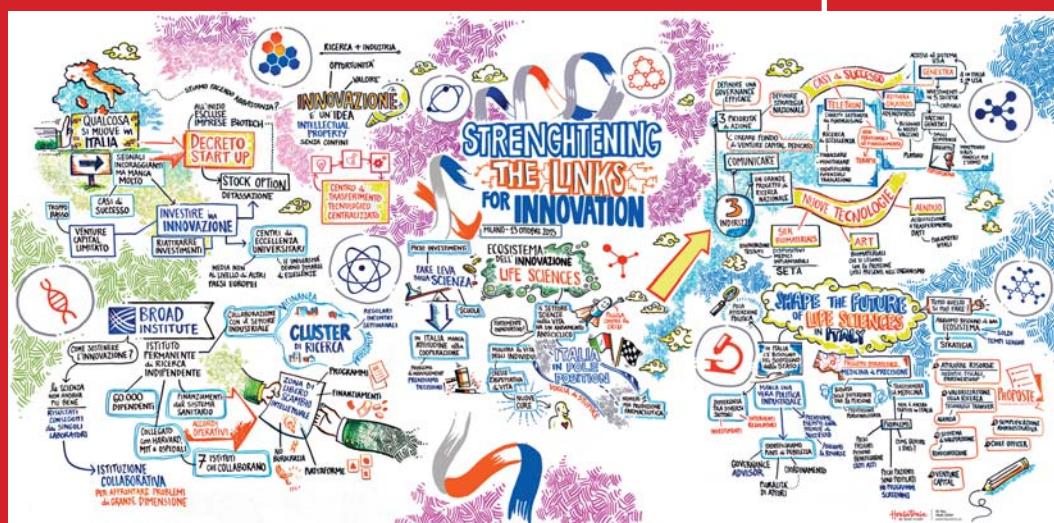
In collaboration with: ASSOBIOTEC, The European House Ambrosetti

This was the first forum of its kind aimed at offering concrete proposals and contributing to fostering the development of life sciences in Italy through the creation of an innovation ecosystem. The programme included plenary sessions with keynote speakers and high-level panel discussions, company presentations and business meetings. The event showed the line of action to make life sciences a strategic tool for the growth and competitiveness of Italy. The Life Sciences Technology Forum was also the setting for the award ceremony of the second Assobiotec Media Award. The winner this year was Mario Calabresi, editor in Chief of La Stampa, one of the most important Italian daily newspapers.

Motivated staff in Teramo



Prize ceremony at the Life Sciences Forum in Milan



Drawing wall at the Life Sciences Forum in Milan

Oct 13-15

Biotechnology & food for high school students – Milan

In collaboration with: Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci

What is the connection between biotechnology and food? High school students were able to discover the answer thanks to a 2-hour workshop experimenting in the i-lab and visiting the new #Food People area of the Milan National Museum for Science and Technology, showing how microorganisms and enzymes are used to make food and nutrients.

Oct 14

Biotechnology & food for high school teachers – Milan

In collaboration with: Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci

High school teachers visited Milan's National Museum for Science and Technology to discover how microorganisms can help us produce, store and recycle food. They also experimented in the i-lab and met with researchers.

Pharmaceutical therapies from food – Naples

In collaboration with: the Municipality of Naples; ICB-CNR; University of Naples

The event in Naples was focused on nutraceutical topics: the development of new pharmaceutical therapies from the chemical components of food, in a more or less purified state, considering just not their nutritional value (such as macronutrients, vitamins, cofactors and other dietary supplements), but also the added value of multifunctional biomolecules with potential direct therapeutic effects, due to specific interactions with certain molecular targets.

Biotechnology and animals – Bologna

*In collaboration with: Dipartimento di Medicina Veterinaria;
Minerva Associazione di divulgazione scientifica*

How are animals involved in biotechnology and how can biotechnology help human and animal wellbeing? The debate was held at the University of Bologna and addressed research areas in which study models must be very similar to humans to be effective in obtaining the best answers.



Big crowd in Naples on Oct 14



Open doors at the Institute for Biomedicine & Molecular Immunology – Palermo

In collaboration with: Istituto di Biomedicina ed Immunologia Molecolare; Istituto di BioFisica; Istituto per lo Studio dei Materiali Nanostrutturati; Dep. STEBICEF Unipa

More than 100 people participated in the open doors organised in Palermo by the Institute of Biomedicine and Molecular Immunology. During the day open labs with experimental demonstrations on biotechnology were organised: from basic research to the production of active substances; biotechnology applied to the wine industry; biotechnology for the treatment and diagnosis of respiratory diseases; biotechnology for diagnosis of metabolic and rare diseases; biophysics for the study of biological interactions; biomass: alternative energy, pollution reduction and products with high added value.

Open doors at the Institute of Neurological Sciences – Mangone

In collaboration with: Institute of Neurological Sciences

The open doors initiative was directed at secondary school students who enjoyed and learned from experimental demonstrations.

Oct 15

Biosimilars: An Informed choice – Rome

In collaboration with: Quotidiano Sanità; Assobiotec

The growing introduction and spread on the market of biosimilar drugs can contribute to the economic sustainability of the healthcare system if the regulatory system at national and regional level is properly implemented. This must not lose sight of the potential that biotechnological innovation has in terms of economic development and improved treatments for patients. The event, promoted by Quotidiano Sanità, encouraged an in-depth debate on these topics, through the involvement of the most important political and regulatory institutions and of representatives of the most important scientific societies and patient associations. More than 100 people attended the event organised at the Ministry of Health in Rome.

Biotech job projects for young people – Milan

In collaboration with: Associazione Donne e Tecnologie

Future Camp Europe is a format that offers a comprehensive overview and discussion of the new jobs of the future in the most interesting sectors indicated by the EU as Key Enabling Technologies (ICT, Biotech, Nutrition, Energy, Nanotechnology and Environment). The event at the Civic Aquarium in Milan was dedicated to young people, teachers, parents and families interested in understanding how to find their way in these emerging professional sectors in a European environment. The meeting was attended by about 200 people.



Open doors on biotech at the Institute for Pharmacology – Rome

In collaboration with: CNR Dipartimento di scienze biomediche

The event was directed to high school students and teachers. Its purpose was to illustrate the importance of biotechnology in biomedical research. Biotechnology, in fact, is a resource for the development of new drugs, innovative and more effective therapies and new diagnostic tools. The event was organized in a session of 4 lectures. Some issues of great interest were discussed, ranging from stem cells, genetic vaccines to development of animal models to study human disease. The approximately 50 participants were also taken on a guided tour of the laboratories of the institute.



Open doors at the Institute for Pharmacology in Rome

Policies for biotechnology in the food industry – Milan

In collaboration with: Assobiotec and the Farmers Scientist Network

A conference and two panel discussions took place in Milan to debate the impact of European policies on GMOs in the food chain, the new frontiers of plant breeding, biotechnology solutions for a sustainable agriculture, with or without GMOs. During the event there was a video session and interviews with the main stakeholders involved in GMO commodity imports (farmers, feed industry, politicians). The event was also a networking occasion as the Presidents of the Feed Industry Association, Farmers' Association, Confagricoltura, the Dean of Agricultural Science University and the President of the Italian Agriculture Genetic Society were all present. The meeting was attended by approximately 70 people – students and stakeholders – and was organised in collaboration with the Farmers Scientist Network and Salone Internazionale della Ricerca Innovazione e Sicurezza Alimentare.



Policies for biotechnology in the food industry in Milan



The Impact of science on food and nutrition – Naples

In collaboration with: Campania Bioscience; Cluster sulle Scienze della Vita Consorzio Technapoli

This symposium in Naples focused on food innovations. The meeting was an occasion to organise a panel discussion about the overall perspectives of food and technology and to present a video, made for EXPO 2015, regarding the nutraceutical properties of the Mediterranean diet. In addition, Campania Bioscience, the main organiser, introduced its projects specifically regarding nutraceutical issues.

The “dark lady” of DNA. The story of Rosalind Franklin – Colleretto Giacosa

In collaboration with: Bioindustry Park Silvano Fumero SpA; Associazione Kite

More than 100 students from secondary school attended this theatrical performance about the personal and professional life of Rosalind Franklin, the first researcher to have photographed the double DNA helix, but a victim of the cruel laws regulating the world of research and university and life itself at that time. A true story of DNA discovery.

Oct 16

Biotechnologus ricercae – Naples

In collaboration with: Federazione Italiana Biotecnologi.

For Biotech Week, the Italian Federation of Biotechnologists, a non-profit organisation, invited biotechnologists and experts to this seminar to discuss biotechnology, university, work and research.

A “geni-al” biotech afternoon for all ages – Bologna

In collaboration with: Fondazione Golinelli

Fondazione Golinelli organised an afternoon for families and adults with experiments and activities about genetics and biotechnologies. The event was also an opportunity to talk about science and society, and to visit the new Golinelli laboratories which opened in early October. Children were also able to take part in animated readings and simple labs where DNA and genes were combined with science and creativity.

Biotechnology and incentives for business development – Padua

In collaboration with: Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche; Città della Speranza; CUOA

The Veneto Region, CNR and other public and private bodies wish to create opportunities for young high-tech companies and exploit the results of scientific research into industrial applications. Therefore, this conference was an opportunity to discuss how to best achieve this result, including a system of principles (innovative proposals, guidelines, ideas, etc.) shared by all those who are active in biotechnology.

Follow the track of the DNA barcoding

– Bologna

*In collaboration with: Minerva Associazione
di Divulgazione Scientifica; DIMEVET*

A group of researchers working in different fields demonstrated the application of genetics and genomes. Wild fauna study applications and quality and safety controls on products for human consumption were tabled for discussion. The event took place in Ozzano dell'Emilia (BO) and was attended by approximately 50 university students.



*Theatrical performance
about Rosalind Franklin*

Debate on new frontiers of tumor immunotherapy – Rome

In collaboration with: Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Over the past few years immunotherapy of tumours has significantly evolved, contributing to increased know-how and experience relating to how to strengthen immunological responses against cancers. The goal of the meeting was to discuss the state of the art and perspectives in the field by analysing the reports of clinical studies conducted in research and clinical centres of excellence in this area of great interest for big pharma. More than 150 people attended the event.



150 people debated the new frontiers of tumor immunotherapy

Open doors at Merck Serono Guidonia – Guidonia Montecelio

In collaboration with: Merk Serono S.p.A.

Merck Serono opened the doors of its centre of excellence for the development of biotechnology products in Guidonia Montecelio to 40 students from the Technological high school “Enrico Fermi” Frascati. The young visitors, accompanied by their teachers, were given a guided tour, during which they learned about the activities on the Guidonia site.

Oct 16-17

Biotechnology snack – Milan

In collaboration with: Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci

A weekend at the museum saw families being given the chance to experiment in the Biotechnology i.lab, turning simple ingredients into a “biotechnology snack” and discovering how many biotechnology products are already on our tables.



Future camp in Milan

Oct 17

Biotech and Health – Bologna

In collaboration with: Istituto di Ematologia “L. e A. Seragnoli” - Dipartimento di Medicina Specialistica, Diagnostica e Sperimentale (DIMES)

The goal of this forum was to highlight the critical role of “Biotech and Health”, through a “state of the art” analysis and the description of new proposals for innovative integrated approaches.

Oct 18

From genes to personalised medicine – Pavia

In collaboration with: Istituto di Genetica Molecolare IGM - CNR

The Open Day at the Institute of Molecular Genetics IGM-CNR in Pavia was an occasion for the public to meet researchers and learn about their work. Young researchers and PhD students met visitors in a lecture room to illustrate the Institute’s mission and research activities. This was followed by a guided tour of the laboratories with IGM scientists.



European Biotech Week, implemented in Italy by biotech group Assobiotec, was awarded a medal by the President of the Republic of Italy for the 2015 edition

Oct 21

Health & biotechnology – Milan

The event took place in Milan and was focused on the evolution of the tools available to genetic research and clinical data management.



LITHUANIA

Oct 14-15

Mobile Bioclass in Lithuanian schools – Mažeikiai

The “Mobile Bioclass” concept started its activities in Lithuania in 2011 and extended to Estonia in 2014. Up to now, this mobile laboratory has already visited over 200 schools in 130 cities of the Baltics. The objective is to promote biosciences among school children and inspire them to pursue career in sciences. The students get to work with actual scientific instruments and conduct hands-on biotechnology experiments.

The educational programme also includes lectures, discussions and training sessions designed to foster interest in sciences. This year, Mobile Bioclass visited 2 Lithuanian schools during European Biotech week. The project is conducted by company Thermo Fisher Scientific Baltics together with Vilnius University and Tartu University.

Seminar on life sciences for school children – Vilnius

The seminar was organised in the Institute of Biotechnology, Vilnius University.

54 school children from 3 Lithuanian schools (Vilnius Lyceum, Panevėžio J. Balikonio gymnasium, Šiaulių Dudžvario gymnasium) took part in this two-day seminar. The participants conducted eight laboratory experiments and participated in an excursion to the laboratories of the institute as well as two lectures: “The New methods of genome editing” and “iGEM competition in synthetic biology”.



Mobile Bioclass in Mykolo Račkausko gymnasium



Mobile Bioclass in Gabijos gymnasium



Oct 13

Thermo Fisher scientific day of science 2015 – Vilnius

The annual event took place at Thermo Fisher Scientific Biosciences Center of Excellence in Vilnius and welcomed more than 900 visitors from all over the country. Visitors had the opportunity to see a broad selection of products used in life sciences, bioproduction, chromatography and mass spectrometry, microbiology, chemicals as well as general lab equipment and consumables from Thermo Scientific™, Applied Biosystems™, Invitrogen™, Fisher Scientific™, Gibco™ and Ion Torrent brands™. Moreover, Thermo Fisher representatives from different countries gave 16 seminars about new technologies and scientists offered guided tours of the facilities.

Oct 15

Biotechnology in Lithuania: 40 Years of science-industry partnership – Vilnius

Vilnius University's Institute of Biotechnology celebrated its 40th anniversary. To commemorate this special moment, a conference was held in the Lithuanian Academy of Science and welcomed over 150 participants. The establishment of the Institute by four spin-off companies between 1988 and 1994 marked the start of the modern biotech industry in Lithuania. Nowadays, the Institute of Biotechnology is the national leader in life sciences with a total of 10 spin-off companies in 2015.



*Thermo Fisher
Scientific Day of Science*



*Conference on
biotechnology
in Lithuania*



POLAND

Oct 12-20-21

Meet biotech boost biotech – Łódz, Warsaw and Lublin

Meet Biotech – Boost Biotech are periodic, informal, events organised to get to know the more practical aspects of biotech. Meetings are open to everyone interested in biotech and enable participants to share ideas, contacts and meet future partners or get inspired for biotech career development. The scenario is composed of two talks and a networking session. Discussions focus on biotech related issues such as environmental engineering, medical biotechnology, nanotechnology, industrial biotechnology, etc. The speakers are active in academia, industry or business, showing different career paths and talking about different projects – from scientific grants and industrial projects to raising startup ideas. They can join either in person or participate via Skype, enabling experts to join from the US, UK, Philippines, Brazil, Norway or France.



Przemek Ociepa, guest in Łódz



Boost Biotech meeting in Poland



Presentation by
AstraZeneca,
a research-based
biopharmaceutical
company



PORTUGAL

Oct 10

Plant biotech sketching stories – Oeiras

A story sketching session on plant biotechnology was organised by CiB Portugal – Centre for Biotechnology Information – during the open day of the Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica (ITQB). After a conversation about research, the visitors worked on sketches with the guidance of a plant biotech researcher and a sketching guide. This activity increased knowledge on ag biotech and supported better science-based decision making. The audience was active and shared their experience on social media. The sketches were then exhibited together with those from the previous edition to celebrate the International Plant Fascination Day.



Open Day
ITQB



Sketching Biotech
at Open Day ITQB



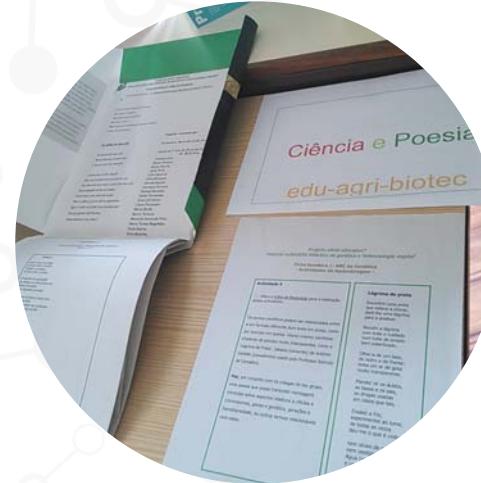
Fascinated
youth at
Open Day
ITQB



Oct 12-18

Edu-agri-biotech exhibition – Oeiras

Held at Nova Atena – Association for inclusion and wellbeing of senior citizens through art and culture, the exhibition gave visitors the opportunity to learn the way plant biotechnology is used in different research projects in areas, such as plant protection, phytoremediation, plant quality and in new products and substances. Minstrel and Poetry Group closed the exhibition by reading poems about plant genetics and biotechnology previously written by high school students enrolled in the "Edu-Agri-Biotech" project.



Oct 16

Biotechnology and Agriculture: The Future is now – Coimbra

CiB Portugal, the Centre for Biotechnology Information, organised its 5th annual meeting in collaboration with Coimbra University's Faculty of Sciences and Technology. The high quality presentations and the number of participants made this year a success. The event was attended by 110 diverse stakeholders: students, teachers, researchers, supply chain partners, policymakers and journalists. The discussion focused on ag biotech, its benefits and challenges but also on the EU dysfunctional GMO regulatory system, GM trade, news technologies, etc. Thanks to the prolonged Q&A session, the audience left the room with a better understanding of the sector.



*The Future is Now
in Coimbra*





ROMANIA

Oct 27-29

The Next Generation: Information makes you stronger – Iasi

Following similar workshops in Bucharest, Timisoara and Cluj earlier this year, AgroBiotechRom – the Professional Association of Green Biotech Producers and Users in Romania – gathered 16 students, with exceptional academic results, from the Ag University of Bucharest to visit their peers in Iasi.

On the first day, they visited the Viticulture Research Station Odobești and its wine cellar to learn more about grape varieties improvement. On the second day, they attended a conference together with journalists, teachers and other students from the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV) in Iasi – host and co-organiser. The meeting was followed by a tour to labs and the exhibition “Autumn Flowers” in the botanic garden. On their way back to Bucharest, the students did a final stop at the famous Cotnari winery to learn more about biotechnology in wine production.

*Visit of the
Viticulture Research
Station Odobești*



Students visited Cotnari vinery in Moldova





SPAIN

Oct 13

Biotech communications awards – Madrid

#PremiosASEBIO2015

During the ceremony of the 4th edition of ASEBIO Awards for Communication and Dissemination of Biotechnology, Carmen Vela, Secretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation, and Regina Revilla, President of the Spanish Bioindustry Association (ASEBIO) handed six awards to the winners. The jury selected journalists from TV3, Onda Cero, Muy Interesante, EFE Agency, SINC Agency and Hipertextual for their works/articles/radio and TV broadcasts. This year, the prizes were sponsored by Oryzon Genomics, MSD and Roche.

Biomeeting with media – Madrid

#bioencuentro2015

The Spanish Bioindustry Association (ASEBIO) organised this seminar dedicated to journalists about synthetic biology and the use of genomic techniques in quality control in the food industry. Approximately 30 attendees, from journalists to communication managers, addressed these topics with Francisco Codoñer, scientific director of Lifesequencing, and Victor de Lorenzo, research professor at CSIC-CNB.

Beertechnology, talk about biotech while you drink it – Madrid

#beertechnology

During an informal meeting, key experts in communication management – invited by the Association of Biotechnology Communicators, AcB – discussed the appropriate steps in managing communication crisis. Antonio Calvo Roy, President of the Spanish Association of Science Communicators (AECC), stressed the importance of manuals. Luis Serrano, Head of the Crisis Unit at LL & C, highlighted the significance of generating confidence and providing credibility. The moderator, Irene Tato, Secretary of ACB and CEO of SC Agency, led the discussion on self-criticism. All reached the conclusion that the biotech industry is not a one-direction mass communication channel anymore.



#Beertechnology in Madrid



Debate on how to communicate about biotech – Madrid **#comunicabiotecnología**

The Spanish Bioindustry Association (ASEBIO) and the Spanish Association for Science Communication (AECC) jointly organised a debate around the question "Do we know how to communicate about biotech?" It was moderated by the president of the AECC, Antonio Calvo, with the collaboration of three renowned Spanish journalists and a communications director, namely: José Antonio Plaza, member of Biotech Communication Society (AcB) and news writer in Diario Médico; Ángela Bernardo, news writer in Hipertextual and Alba Soler, Communication Director in Bioibérica.



How to communicate about biotech

Technology center visit on food biotech – Madrid

IMDEA Food is part of the Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies Net, and promoted by Madrid regional government to develop useful research for society and of international scientific excellence. Researchers explained to 15 journalists their advances in nutrition, food and health, and then made a demonstration of how a nutritional test works. IMDEA Alimentation also created an Interactive Nutrigenomics Center (CIN), a multi-thematic exhibition tour on nutrition, food and health.

Oct 14

“Biotechnology: Quality of life” museum expo – Madrid

ASEBIO organised a visit to Madrid's National Museum of Science and Technology (MUNCYT), which hosted an exhibition entitled “Biotechnology: Quality of life.” The tour was led by the curator of the exhibition, Fernando Pelaez, who accompanied 10 communications directors from ASEBIO member companies. This exhibition was created by FECYT in the framework of the Year of Biotechnology in Spain in 2014 and will finish at the end of November 2015.



Visit to IMDEA Alimentación



Winners of six prizes of ASEBIO Awards for Communication and Dissemination of Biotechnology



Visit to Madrid National Museum of Science and Technology

Oct 15

Open day at the Institute of Biomedicine – Seville

More than 50 scientists and representatives of companies attended the event, with the aim of encouraging the development of collaborations. Firstly, a round table on technology transfer was conducted. Then, four sessions aligned with IBiS Programmes were held on cardiovascular and respiratory pathology; oncohematology and genetics; infectious diseases and the immune system; and neurosciences. Finally, a partnering session was organised to facilitate biomedical sector and researchers meetings.

IBiS is supported by Andalusian Ministries for Health, Economy and Knowledge, University of Seville and Spanish National Research Council. The meeting was carried out within the framework of the project ITRIBIS (“Improving Translational Research Potential at the Institute of Biomedicine of Seville”), a Coordination and Support Action funded by the Capacities European Call FP7-REGPOT-2012-2013-1, aimed for scientific quality institutions.

Partner selection in biologics development – Madrid

“The challenge of Partner selection: the best travel companion in biologics development adventure” is the title of a conference organised by 3PBiopharmaceuticals and the biotech association ASEBIO. Key opinion leaders joined 3PBiopharmaceuticals and ASEBIO to share their experiences in developing and manufacturing biologics through the right partner. This session focused on the process of selecting a CRO and CMO partner and suggested ideas and experiences on how to manage strong relationships and collaborations. This was a unique opportunity to find top pharma and biotech companies with strong experience, extensive knowledge and high-quality expertise.

Oct 16

Open day at Life Length – Madrid

Life Length, a company founded in September 2010 with the objective of commercialising the Telomere Analysis Technology (TAT), welcomed visitors to its lab facilities. Participants learnt more about telomere biology and the unique TAT test.



IBiS industrial open day



*ASEBIO stand
at CPhI Madrid 2015*

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SWITZERLAND

Oct 15

Swiss biotech day fall 2015 – Monthey

For this third edition of the Swiss Biotech™ Fall Day during the European Biotech Week, our host was BioArk, a technology site specialising in life sciences. It supports start-ups and existing companies working in the fields of biotechnology and diagnostic. BioArk is situated in Monthey, where several multinationals involved in fine chemistry and biotechnology have been present for many years.

More than 90 participants from all over Switzerland came to Monthey early in the morning for the conference “Biopharmaceuticals – from production to development”. Eleven speakers representing both big companies and start-ups were invited to present their work and give updates on their current project/activities. The number of questions asked after the sessions and the interactions during the networking lunch showcased the success of the event. During the conference, participants also had the opportunity to use a new partnering tool.



Swiss biotech day reception





THE NETHERLANDS

Oct 6

Agri meets Chemicals – Utrecht

HollandBIO invited leading European experts and decision makers from diverse sectors to join a debate on how to realise the potential of biorefineries, to share their experience in current projects and to test their ideas. What do we need to do to develop an economically vibrant biomaterials industry in Europe by 2020? How can we build ecosystems in strategic locations that stimulate innovation throughout the value chain? What are possible ways forward? All these questions were addressed by this platform for building the bioeconomy.

Oct 15

Measuring the value of biotech companies – The Hague

How do you measure the value of your biotech company? A difficult but essential question for a bio entrepreneur. HollandBIO discussed the different approaches in business valuation with guests. Providing realistic estimates of the value of a biotech company is crucial in all different stages: from searching for debt finance as a start-up, to negotiating a deal or preparing an IPO later on. The participants also discussed the broader perspective: how can the biotech industry provide value to society?



HollandBIO, the Dutch association for bioindustries, gearing up for the 2015 European Biotech Week

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Oct 16

Barriers to the internal market for the bioeconomy – Diessen

When facing global challenges, such as climate change, we need to come to ideal growing conditions for the Biobased Economy. There are many obstacles on the EU internal market for the Biobased Economy. The BioEconomy is still in its early stage. Time to act. On the 4th of September in the Netherlands, the key problems were discussed at the LandArt exhibition with Biobased products. Member of the European Parliament for the EPP Group, Lambert van Nistelrooij, initiated three parallel sessions: Export Thinking, Financial Thinking and Design Thinking. In a follow-up meeting during the European Biotech Week, the outcomes of the workshops were at the heart of the discussion. Increasing the awareness of consumers, creating a legislative framework and stimulating entrepreneurs to use innovative financial frameworks, like the European Fund for Structural Investments (EFSI) are summarised in the outcome document.



Removing obstacles for the future of the bioeconomy



Benelux private equity conference – Amsterdam

The one day event was dedicated to bringing together the most senior level decision-makers (CEOs, Limited Partners and General Partners) in the Private Equity Ecosystem in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The event was meticulously organised to ensure high-level discussion, deep insights and unparalleled networking opportunity. With a dedicated panel focused on life sciences – which discussed the best ways to unlock the full potential on life sciences' deals – the Benelux PE Conference gathered 250 key decision-makers in the PE industry and introduced to the stage over 50 top tier speakers.



MEP Lambert van Nistelrooij, EPP, working on a blueprint for a more competitive and dynamic bioeconomy



UNITED KINGDOM

Twitter campaigns led by biology students – Oxford Brookes University

What does #biotechnology mean to you? This was the question asked on @BioTechKnowledgey, a Twitter account run by @Alivere, @AmberBlogg, Steffen Wolla and Tara Tamang as part of their biotechnology module run by Prof. @AnneOsterrieder. Their campaign aimed at expanding and promoting interest in biotechnology by making advances in the field accessible to fellow students without basic biotech knowledge. The students' campaign received an overwhelming response with 19 replies, over 21.7K impressions and 300% increase in followers.

The group @BioTechSparks is run by @JessLUpon, @DGrantleySmith, @sdpwilliams and @MorbeyJames. Their campaign for Biotech Week was to run **a road trip around the UK** promoting biotechnology and how it is incorporated in every-day life. The third-year students' aim was to demonstrate that biotechnology is not just a tool used by scientists in laboratories but has multiple applications. This road trip collectively reached over 4.200 views.



Campaign "What does biotechnology mean to you?"



Dom Grantley-Smith,
Jess Upson,
Sam Williams,
James Morbey



Campaign
"Road trip
around
the UK"

Oct 15

EMA – EuropaBio information day – London

Following the successful previous editions, the third EMA-EuropaBio Information Day took place in the context of European Biotech Week. A large number of EuropaBio members gathered with high-level representatives of the Agency and the EMA appointed Executive Director Guido Rasi to discuss about facilitating early access, orphan medicinal products, and advanced-therapy medicinal products.



Speakers at
the EMA-EuropaBio Info Day

BIA autumn reception – London

The UK BioIndustry Association (BIA) held its award-winning UK Bioscience Forum at the Royal College of Surgeons in London. Some 340 attendees gathered to hear from keynote speakers, including from George Freeman MP, Minister for Life Sciences. This year the focus of the forum was “Building a third global cluster – a vision for the future” aligning the event to the BIA’s recent Vision publication with 10 themes for change in the sector.

With over 60 speakers from some of the UK’s foremost organisations, the day delivered a mixture of panel discussions and presentations covering biomanufacturing, talent management, IP hot topics, diagnostics, the power of Big Data to name but a few. With networking in abundance and 1-1 partnering, the forum is the leading UK event of this type. The conference also saw the launch of our “Building the third global cluster: State of the Nation 2015” report with EY. The day was topped off with the annual Autumn Reception.



*A vision for the UK
life sciences sector in 2025*



*Building the third global cluster
State of the Nation 2015*



*UK Life Science Minister
George Freeman MP
giving the opening speech*

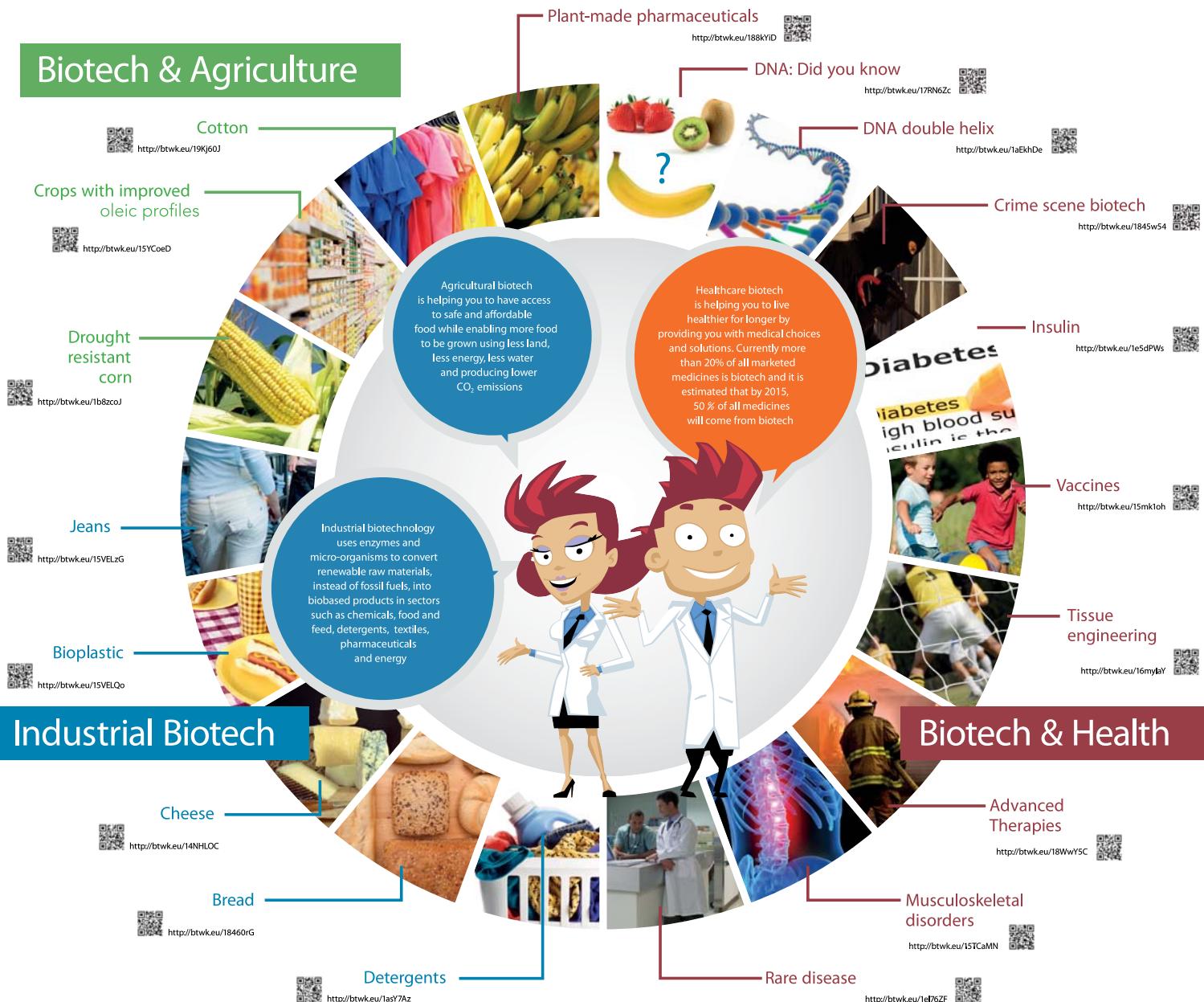
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A week-long pan-European biotech party? Yes.

Start preparing for European Biotech Week 2016

26 September – 2 October

WHAT?

European Biotech Week is an annual week-long celebration of biotechnology through events and public outreach activities taking place across Europe. The 3rd edition (12-18 October 2015) featured over 100 initiatives involving thousands participants in a record 15 countries. It was even awarded a medal by the President of the Republic of Italy!

WHO?

Any organisation that is active in or cares about biotech can get involved and raise awareness of the field across Europe in whatever way best fits their mission and resources. Past participants include associations, universities, cultural and research centres, government institutions, schools, large and small biotech companies, science museums, but also end-users such as patients and farmers.

HOW?

As you will see in the following pages, the potential activities are as varied as are the organisers. They include career fairs, hands on laboratories for adults, students and children, competitions, games, exhibitions and open doors in companies, research institutes and museums, and even theatre shows and flash mobs.

WHY?

The initiative stems from the passion of those involved in biotech to discuss, communicate and share knowledge with the public at large about the incredible discoveries, benefits and potential offered by the application of this technology.

WHERE?

Across Europe. In 2015 there were 15 countries involved.

HOW MUCH?

This is an open and inclusive initiative which is entirely free of charge and not driven by any commercial interest. Participating organisers can ask for European Biotech Week gadgets to be sent to their preferred location ahead of their events/activities.

WHEN?

If you missed the 2015 edition make sure you save the dates for next year (26 September – 2 October 2016) and start planning!

A word on origins: the driving force behind the initiative is the National Biotech Associations Council of EuropaBio, the Brussels-based European Association for Bioindustries.

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