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Latest News

From the FEAST office – the Future for FEAST

FEAST was established in 2001 as a unique pilot study initiative between the European Union and Australia to test mechanisms for promoting science and technology cooperation between Europe and other developed countries.

Over the past three years, the FEAST office has been supported principally by the European Commission and the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training. Core funding from DEST ended in June 2004 and EC funding ends in December 2004.

What next?

FEAST received a positive evaluation in March 2004 undertaken by Dr Karsten Brenner for the European Commission. The recommendations from the Brenner report were used to produce a call for proposals to establish similar mechanisms worldwide: *FP6 – 2004 – TC – SSA – General (Specific measures in support of international co-operation)*.

This call sought submissions from “third countries” having science and technology agreements with the EU and promoted FEAST as a model for the world in encouraging collaborative research. This call and associated EC funding, was competitive within countries as well as between countries. On the Australian side, the Department of Education, Science and Training issued a complementary call for proposals to access Australian funds. Both calls are now closed.

The current FEAST team submitted proposals to the European Commission and the Department of Education, Science and Training to undertake what we are calling FEAST 2 (at this stage). There will be other competing submissions from Australia. Assessment by the independent evaluators will be complete by late December and the successful applicants from all countries will then be invited by the European Commission to contract negotiations. Because these are competitive calls the decision on the future nature, composition and staffing of any programme which follows FEAST, is in the hands of the evaluators.

We, the current FEAST staff, appreciate your support over the past three years and look forward to providing more information and events in the future.

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Research Program for Young Australians



Dr Bryan Fry handling and examining his research subjects.

Dr Bryan Fry of the Australian Research Unit at the University of Melbourne, visited the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI/Swiss-Prot) in Cambridge between March and May 2004. The visit was funded by the Department of Education, Science and Training, under the *Young Australian Researchers Program* managed by the Australian Academy of Science.

The visit allowed Dr Fry access to cutting edge computing power as well as interacting with world leading bioinformatics researchers. The basis of the research was that snake venoms are one of the most sophisticated integrated weapons systems in the natural world. As such, they are a rich source of novel molecules with potentially useful bioactivities. However, studying the molecular evolution of snake toxins also has the potential for providing profound insights into the evolution of important non-venom regulatory proteins, some of which are integral aspects of some disease states. As the proteins used in vertebrate physiological pathways are highly conserved, this has direct applications towards a better understanding of human health. Dr Fry has submitted a paper on this research.

Collaborative projects with EBI/Swiss-Prot researchers and Dr Fry are on-going and should lead to additional papers. While in the UK, Bryan was able to showcase his research through several seminars given at the EBI and elsewhere. He also took advantage of being in Europe to milk over three hundred snakes in private collections and zoos. He is currently using this unique assemblage of venom in several studies. Dr Fry believes that the visit gave him a tremendous opportunity for his career development.

European Commission launches the Epigenome Network of Excellence

To ensure that Europe remains at the leading edge in genetic and chromosome research, the European Commission, through its Sixth Framework Programme (FP6), is financing a new Network of Excellence (NoE) called 'The Epigenome'. The network aims to provide a coherent platform for Europe's epigenetic research community over the next five years.

<http://www.cordis.lu/express/archive/100904/summary.htm#eufp>

CRC News

The CRC Program, which commenced over a decade ago in 1990, brings together researchers with the users of research. The ninth selection round for funding is currently underway but due to the announcement of the Federal Election on October 9th, the Australian Government's Department of Education, Science & Training has advised that the Round 9 CRC Application interview process will be postponed until after the Election. The postponement means that the dates of the interviews will be delayed and this may also delay the announcement of any decisions, which had been expected towards the end of the year.

All thirty three applicants invited to submit a full Business Case Proposal in Stage two of the selection process did so; it remains to be seen how many are selected for interview. Of the 33 stage two applications, twenty were from existing CRCs seeking an additional term. It is anticipated that only 12 to 15 full applications will be funded.

The next annual meeting of CRCs, organised by the CRC Association (www.crca.asn.au) will be held 18-20 May 2005 in Melbourne. A colourful booklet of CRC Highlights of Achievement based on the annual applications for the Awards for Excellence in Innovation is currently under production and will be distributed widely.

The work of two CRCs was recognised at the annual Australian Museum's Eureka Awards. The Vision CRC received \$10,000 in the category of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research for inventing the world's first implantable contact lens. Glued on to permanently fix poor eyesight, the revolutionary lens offers a new solution for long and short-sighted people. Plantic Technologies Ltd won the Industry prize for a compostable plastic that dissolves in water; the biodegradable plastics technologies originated with the CRC for Food Manufacture & Packaging Science.

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Academia Europaea calls for inclusion of humanities in ERA and ERC

The Academia Europaea has issued a statement calling on policy makers not to neglect the humanities in the European Research Area (ERA). It's circa 2000 members who come from Europe and overseas, are scientists and scholars who wish to promote learning, education and research.

The Academia asserts that the belief that 'the natural sciences are more directly responsible for the economic advancement of our societies than are the humanities,' has led to the systematic underfunding of the humanities and ignorance of the advances for which the social sciences are responsible.

Academia Europaea website
<http://www.acadeuro.org>

CORDIS article
http://ica.cordis.lu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.simpledocument&N_RCN=22640&CFID=719376&CFTOKEN=91802208

Report throws light on the way ahead for the Photovoltaic Technology Platform

New European Commission vision report from the Photovoltaic Technology Research Advisory Council (PV-TRAC).

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/gp/gp_news/article_1569_en.htm - article
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/pdf/vision-report-final.pdf> - report file

Hydrogen in Australia – Perth International Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Conference and H2 Fuel Cell Buses

The *Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Futures Conference* held in Perth Western Australia 12-15 September 2004, was a great success, attended by some 300 delegates from all around the world including Germany, UK, France, Malaysia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Brazil, USA and Canada.

Conference delegates heard presentations which detailed the current status of hydrogen and fuel cell developments around the world. The keynote address from Mr Claude Mandil, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, highlighted that while hydrogen may be considered by some to be the 'best bet' for future energy, there is a long way to go and the road will be hard. The contributions from different countries and regions which highlighted the political decision-making on energy and hydrogen were very pertinent. There were good examples of strategies and programmes which might be transferred across the world to advance the agenda.

Details of current results from trials in China, Japan, Europe and North America show that the technology of fuel cells and vehicles is developing rapidly. Distances travelled are becoming very impressive, as are results on durability and reliability. Of particular interest were the observations by some delegates that the refuelling infrastructure does not seem to be progressing as fast as the vehicle technology.

Plans are afoot for the next Conference in Perth for September 2006. Mark it in your diary!!

Perth is part of two exciting European Framework Projects CUTE and ECTOS trialling hydrogen fuel cell buses. You can find out more about the Perth Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Trial at <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/ecobus>. The Perth Hydrogen Fuel Cell trial has a GPS tracking system for the buses (so you can know where the buses are at any given time) accessible through the website or directly at <http://www.smarttrack.com.au/h2demo>

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One of the new hydrogen buses participating in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell trial.

Hydrogen Energy no longer Science Fiction

Hydrogen energy could, in the near future, be used in buses, homes and to deliver Australia's mail thanks to research being conducted in Australasia.

<http://www.dest.gov.au/Ministers/Media/McGauran/2004/08/mcg00270804.asp>

Hydrogen is on the way

European Commission's 'RTDinfo Magazine' August 2004, issue 42, article:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo/pdf/rtd42_en.pdf - page 3

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo/42/01/article_1315_en.html

Lord Sainsbury and Professor John Ryan to visit Australia

Lord Sainsbury, the UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Science and Innovation, and Professor John Ryan, one of the UK's leading bio-nanotechnologists will visit Australia in November.

Lord Sainsbury was appointed to his Ministerial role in July 1998 and is currently responsible for the Office of Science and Technology, the UK Innovation Policy, the UK Research Councils and space matters. Prior to 1998, he was Chairman of J. Sainsbury plc and a Director of Giant food Inc.



Lord Sainsbury

Professor Ryan is a Professor of Physics at Oxford University, an advisor to the UK Department of Trade and Industry's National Strategy Advisory Group on Micro- and Nanotechnology, and a member of the Royal Society/Royal Academy of Engineering Working Group on Nanotechnology. He is also the Director of the Bio-nanotechnology IRC, the principal nanotechnology research initiative at the interface between the physical, biological and medical sciences.

Both Lord Sainsbury and Professor Ryan will attend the AusBiotech Conference in Brisbane from November 7-10th. Lord Sainsbury will deliver an address at the plenary session on the final day of conference, and Professor Ryan will give a presentation as part of the plenary session titled 'Bioevolution'.

After the conference, Lord Sainsbury will visit the BioIndustry Exhibition and liaise with some of the UK's leading biotechnology company executives. Professor Ryan will participate in a meeting with some of Australia's leading nanotechnologists to discuss how the UK and Australia can enhance their collaborations in this discipline.

Lord Sainsbury will also meet with Queensland Premier, Mr Peter Beattie. It is expected that as part of this meeting, both parties will participate in an Exchange of Letters on behalf of UK Trade and Investment and the Queensland Department of Mines. The Exchange of Letters covers a wide range of issues regarding mining collaboration.

At the conclusion of Ausbiotech, Lord Sainsbury will travel to Melbourne to present the third Magna Carta Lecture. The lecture is presented each year in a different State capital and delivery alternates between British and Australian speakers. The Governor of Victoria (also an Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering Fellow) John Landy, will host the lecture at Victoria's Government House. The lecture is expected to explore the current relationship between the UK and Australia in scientific fields and outline how the two countries are planning to work together in future research and development.

Professor Ryan will also travel to Melbourne (hosted by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering) and present a lecture at the University of Melbourne as well as attending the Magna Carta Lecture. Professor Ryan will also give a presentation at a breakfast meeting for some prominent business executives (courtesy of UK Trade and Investment), in order to highlight the necessary contribution of scientific research to industry.

For more information regarding Lord Sainsbury's and Professor Ryan's visits to Australia, please contact:

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Group of Eight heads to Europe

Australia's leading universities have taken research engagement with Europe a step forward with the establishment of the Group of Eight Australia Centre Europe. Co-located with the Australian Embassy in Berlin, the new Centre will spearhead efforts to promote strategic engagement between Group of Eight members and European business, government and universities.

While members of Group of Eight already have important ties with European institutions, the new Centre will enable deeper and wider engagement. The establishment of a permanent office in Europe not only provides a focal point for developing and maintaining strategic relationships, it also symbolises a new level of commitment by the Group of Eight vice-chancellors to the region.

Resource sharing, research collaboration and student and staff exchanges will be encouraged. The Australia Centre Europe will showcase the research strengths of member institutions to the European public. In this endeavour it will work closely with Australian government and non-government agencies to develop collective strategies for promoting our nation's achievements to Europe. The Centre will also engage with foreign agencies to develop multilateral networks which aid in the development of useful policy and create opportunities for mutually beneficial projects.

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European Commission – newsletter on International Cooperation

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/iscp/newsletter/index_en.html

Article in this edition: “**The many faces of scientific co-operation**”

“Knowledge is universal and it is only natural that the quest for it should be global. The important of international scientific co-operation is reflected in the diverse suite of EU instruments for its promotion.”

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/iscp/newsletter/2004-08/background_en.html#01

CORDIS launches new Technology Platforms service

CORDIS, the Community Research and Development Information Service, has launched a new service to provide information on the Technology Platforms initiative which aims to define a common vision, and medium to long-term agenda for strategic areas of research, and then bring together public-private partnerships for their implementation.

<http://www.cordis.lu/technology-platforms/>

Exciting Pharmaceutical Products

An exciting new EC project on the development of pharmaceutical products derived from genetically modified plants to help prevent and cure major diseases such as HIV/AIDS, rabies and TB has attracted a grant of around 12 million EURO and is being led by the Fraunhofer Institute for molecular biology and ecology in Aachen, Germany with S&T Coordination by St. Georges Hospital Medical School in London. Clinical trials will commence around 2009. Pharma Planta is reportedly looking for safe methods and places for production.

<http://www.pharma-planta.org/>

Searching for climate clues beneath the surface of the Southern Ocean

Ten years of observations from the Southern Ocean have shown that changes in temperature extend deep into the sea, and are not restricted to the surface layers as previously believed. The new observations are important because deep-reaching temperature changes are likely to persist for a longer time before dissipating and therefore have a larger impact on Australian climate.



Dr Rosemary Morrow, 'launching' an expendable ocean monitoring instrument to measure temperature and salinity.

The study by Dr Serguei Sokolov and Dr Steve Rintoul provides important clues for understanding climate change and variability in Australia and other Southern Hemisphere nations. The relatively long record also provides a benchmark for testing climate models. "Our work shows that temperature changes in the Southern Ocean extend hundreds of metres below the surface, and are not just trapped near the surface as previously assumed," said Dr Rintoul, leader of climate research at the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre and CSIRO Marine Research. "The deeper the anomalies, the greater the potential to influence climate, because heat storage depends on both the size and depth of the temperature change."

Scientists from Australia, France and the USA have been making measurements from the French polar supply ship *Astrolabe* for the last decade, obtaining the longest continuous record of temperature changes in the Southern Ocean. Dr Rintoul and Dr Rosemary Morrow, from the French research laboratory, LEGOS are leaders of the SURVOSTRAL project.



The 65-metre French Antarctic supply ship, *L'Astrolabe*, berthed at the French Antarctic base, Dumont D'Urville.

"The Southern Ocean is a remote region, with some of the strongest winds and largest waves on the planet. As a result, ships tend to avoid the area and few measurements have been made there," said Dr Rintoul.

"The lack of observations makes it difficult to determine how the Southern Ocean influences climate. The 10-year record from *Astrolabe* gives us a unique opportunity to look at how the Southern Ocean evolves with time.

"Given the importance of the Southern Ocean to global climate and productivity, long-term measurements like those made from *Astrolabe* have a critical role to play by improving our understanding of how the Southern Ocean works and perhaps providing an early warning that change is underway," said Dr Rintoul.

The team's research has recently been published in the *Journal of Geophysical Research - Oceans*.

The study was supported by the Australian Greenhouse Office, the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre, the French Climate Dynamics Program (PNEDC), Institute Polaire Emile Victor (IPEV) and NOAA from the USA.

The Southern Ocean's Role in the Climate System

<http://www.marine.csiro.au/LeafletsFolder/pdfsheets/62sthnocean.pdf>

SURVOSTRAL Southern Ocean Research Program

http://www.clivar.org/organization/southern/national_reports/National_France2003.pdf

Australian Greenhouse Office

<http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/>

Dr Alain Rival - New Marie Curie Fellow in Australia



Dr Alain RIVAL joined CSIRO Plant Industry in Canberra in July as a Marie Curie Fellow (OIF Project VARIOMETH 509893) in Life Sciences. Alain was awarded his PhD in Plant Biotechnology from the University of Montpellier in 1988.

Alain's focus of research is the epigenetic variation in higher plants, specifically in exploring the role of DNA methylation in the determination of somaclonal variation. Alain was the Head of CIRAD Oil Palm Programme 2000 to 2004, in Montpellier, France where he managed an R&D program involving 38 people, including 10 expatriate officers in tropical countries, with an annual budget of 6 million Euros which provided him with exciting challenges but took him away from his original activity and passion of scientific research.

The Marie Curie Fellowship awarded to Alain has provided him with an excellent opportunity. "I was keen to update my scientific knowledge integrating the most recent concepts and technologies; my family was really excited by the perspective of living two years "down under" and my collaboration with Jean Finnegan at CSIRO Plant Industry was already bearing fruit."

The collaboration began at a conference. Alain then visited CSIRO-PI paving the way for more formal co-operation which led to a Fellowship from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Miss Estelle Jaligot's Post-Doctoral stay for 8 months in CSIRO-PI in 2003.

The international recognition of Alain's Australian counterparts and effective pre-existing collaborative activities was key during the selection process for the Marie Curie Fellowship.

Alain works with dynamic scientists in Canberra, who are pioneers working determinedly on the most innovative concepts in molecular biology, at the interface between Medicine and Plant Science. "It is really stimulating to be a 44 year-old student, learning each day, in the friendly but impressively effective atmosphere which seems to be the distinctive mark of this country."

The reintegration phase of the project will take place July 2006-July 2007 when Alain will be based in CIRAD, writing papers, teaching and giving seminars to European groups on Plant Epigenetics.

Alain has joined the Marie Curie Fellowship Association here in Australia which is for current and former Marie Curie Fellows who have lived or are living now in Australia.

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The Marie Curie Fellowship Association – Australia website <http://www.mariecurie.org/au/>

FP6 mid-term evaluation report having important impact on research policy discussions

A mid-term evaluation, commissioned by the European Commission, on the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) has been conducted by Dr Ramon Marimon. Dr Marimon subsequently met with the new Research Commissioner, Louis Michel, to discuss the report.

The report reached many conclusions which were the same as those of the Commission. As a result, several initiatives to correct weaknesses have therefore already been introduced or planned.

The Commission and Dr Marimon disagree in three areas: how much choice participants in FP6 should have as to which instrument they use; whether or not durable integration should be a prerequisite for a Network of Excellence; and whether a two-step evaluation procedure should be introduced throughout the programme. Some meeting attendees conveyed difficulties their researchers were experiencing so far during FP6. The points raised included the 'new and additional barriers for small and medium sized enterprises', the appropriateness of Networks of Excellence, and the 'dramatic change to the financial arrangements'.

http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/instruments_review

Events

FEAST-CORDIS Seminar series August 2004

The FEAST- CORDIS seminar series was held 16-24 August. We are delighted at the response from all the States involved, with high turnouts at all seminars. The presentations from the seminars have been published on the FEAST website. We received many evaluation forms and the following data was gleaned from the evaluations:



- *93% of responses in the evaluations rated the format of the seminar as satisfactory or above.*
- *83% of the responses in the evaluations rated the helpfulness of the information as helpful or above.*
- *Current participation in a collaborative arrangement was almost split equally between yes and no.*
- *Over 70% of respondents are looking for European collaborative relationships.*
- *The respondents were evenly balanced between subscribers and non-subscribers of FEAST.*
- *71% of respondents asked for small workshops to assist them with developing collaborative projects.*
- *57% of respondents are interested in workshops in specific areas.*

There appears to be a substantial amount of bilateral cooperation on a non-funded, adhoc, informal basis.

All comments will be taken on board by FEAST and acted upon for future seminars and events.

As a result of the CORDIS seminars, more than 50 Australians have registered, so far, on the CORDIS partner search database and this will make Australia more prominent to European researchers.

The FEAST office plans to develop a short CORDIS overview for future presentations. This will highlight the pertinent points for Australian researchers and demonstrate entry points for those wishing to work with Europe – i.e. how to register on the partner search database, how to register to receive the CORDIS Focus newsletter, and the main benefits of accessing CORDIS to demystify the database. Enquiries to Alison@feast.org

FEAST-Marie Curie Seminar series – 9-16 November 2004

We are delighted that Mr Nicholas Newman, from the European Commission Marie Curie Actions section will be visiting Australia as Keynote speaker for the Marie Curie Fellowship Seminar series. The dates for these seminars are Tuesday 9th until Tuesday 16th November to each of (in this order) Sydney, Brisbane, (both on Tuesday 9th) Canberra, Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. The seminars are being supported by the Department of Education, Science and Training and the European Commission.

The Marie Curie Actions are the EU's human resources and mobility activities, and offer researchers at all stages in their career an opportunity to learn from their overseas colleagues. Many of these Actions are now open to researchers across the world. The seminars will provide practical information for individuals and institutions in Australia seeking to take part in this programme. Several Marie Curie calls are currently open accessible through CORDIS – see the Latest European 6th Framework Programme calls section on page 12 of this newsletter.

More information regarding the Marie Curie seminars including online registration is available on the FEAST website <http://www.feast.org>

FEAST-France regular events:

For More information:

Visit the FEAST-France website: <http://www.ambafrance-au.org/science/>

Become a FEAST-France member by selecting this option in your FEAST online registration (you will then receive the FEAST-France newsletter and alerts)

ARIA (Association for Research between Italy and Australasia) in conjunction with the Scientific Office of the Embassy of Italy – events

- 1 December ANU Research School of Earth Sciences
- 23 February 2005 CSIRO Land and Water
- 16 March 2005 ANU Department of Applied Mathematics, Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering
- 18 May 2005 University of Canberra Ecochemistry Laboratory

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15 -16 November 2004 **Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) 2004 National Symposium – Living Longer, Living Better – Improving longevity and quality of life through science, technology and engineering.** Adelaide, South Australia

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Aussie Researchers en route to France

Three Australian researchers will be on their way to France after being awarded prestigious Victoria Fellowships by the French Embassy and the Australian-French Science Association (AFAS). The Fellowships aim to allow emerging leaders in engineering, science or technology to undertake a short study mission overseas to develop a particular commercial idea or to gain training. The winners also receive a AU\$5000 grant from AFAS and FEAST-France (the French arm of the Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology cooperation) as well as the Fellowship money. The founder and Chief Scientist of Ozmicrofluidics, Micah Atkin, Richard Barber, a specialist in micro-manufacturing and Serryn Eagleson, a senior research analyst with the City of Melbourne are the Fellowship recipients.

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A Fine European Fellow

Fancy yourself as one of the National Europe Centre's next Visiting Fellows? Applications for the 2005 posts are now open and more information can be found at the NEC's website –

<http://www.anu.edu.au/NEC/fellowsprogram.php> or by contacting the Centre's Administrator, Helen Fairbrother on (02) 6125 9896.

Agricultural grants available

The Grains Research & Development Corporation has several grants available for a variety of projects under their Investment Plan for 2005-2006. Closing date for applications 26 Nov 2004.

http://www.grdc.com.au/researchers/investment_plan.htm - information on each grant is available from the FEAST website – Australian funding & services. <http://www.feast.org>

\$42 Million for New Research Networks

The Australian Government has announced the commitment of \$42 million to fund cutting edge research through a new plan to bring leading researchers together to share their knowledge.

<http://www.dest.gov.au/Ministers/Media/Nelson/2004/08/n892250804.asp>

http://www.arc.gov.au/funded_grants/selection_research_networks.htm

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/rel2004/nrn.htm>

Latest European 6th Framework Programme calls

FP6-2004-Energy-3 – Thematic call in the area of ‘Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, i) Sustainable Energy Systems, ii) Research activities having an impact in the medium and longer term’ Closing date: 8/12/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=167

FP6-2004-INNOV-5 – Call for proposals - “Stepping up Economic and Technological Intelligence” Closing date: 10/02/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=171

FP6-2004-Science-and-society-11 – Science education and careers 2004 Closing date: 15/12/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=168

Below is the list of Marie Curie Mobility calls for proposals. There is the possibility of several of these being of interest to Australian researchers and Australian Institutions.

FP6-2004-Mobility-1 – Marie Curie Research Training Networks ‘Interdisciplinary’ and ‘Intersectorial’ Closing date: 2/12/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=154

FP6-2004-Mobility-2 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Host Fellowships for Early Stage Training Closing date: 15/12/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=155

FP6-2004-Mobility-5 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships Closing date: 16/02/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=158

FP6-2004-Mobility-6 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Outgoing International Fellowships Closing date: 19/01/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=159

FP6-2004-Mobility-7 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships Closing date: 19/01/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=160

FP6-2004-Mobility-8 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Excellence Grants Closing date: 16/02/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=161

FP6-2004-Mobility-9 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Excellence Awards Closing date: 16/02/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=162

FP6-2004-Mobility-10 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Chairs Closing date: 16/02/2005 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=163

FP6-2004-Mobility-11 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie Reintegration Grants Open closure http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=164

FP6-2004-Mobility-12 – Call for proposals for Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants Open closure http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=165

FP6-2004-Mobility-13 – The Researchers in Europe Initiative Closing date: 2/12/2004 http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=166

If you are considering joining an EC project, and wish to discuss Australian Government support, please contact Tony Rothnie, Assistant Director, International Science and Technology Relations, Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training at tony.rothnie@dest.gov.au

Other News

FEAST welcomes new Science & Technology Attaché, at the French Embassy

FEAST is delighted to welcome to Australia, Professor Robert Farhi, who takes up the position of Science and Technology Attaché at the French Embassy recently vacated by Mr Alain Moulet. Professor Farhi’s most recent post was in Tokyo where he was the S&T Attaché focussing on the areas of physical sciences for the engineer. Professor Farhi has extensive expertise in the areas of physics and spectroscopy of materials. Welcome Professor Farhi; we hope you enjoy your stay in Australia.

FEAST would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter and encourages anyone who would like to contribute to the next newsletter to contact us at email: info@feast.org

The FEAST newsletter presents a brief review of major relevant news. Longer and more indepth reports are available from the FEAST website. Some items not included in the newsletter are available from the website.