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Dear Colleagues,

2014 has started with the launch of Horizon 2020 - the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020). Most calls from the 2014



budget are already open for submissions with more to follow over the course of the year. Calls in the 2014 budget alone are worth around €7.8 billion, with funding focused on the three key pillars of Horizon 2020: Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership, and Societal Challenges.

To find out more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project please vsisit the **European Commission's Participant**Portal where all calls will be published.

International researchers are also invited to join the **database of independent**

experts for European research and innovation Distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

The team at EURAXESS Links ASEAN will focus our efforts to keep you updated of the latest funding, mobility and cooperation opportunities with Europe. To help us serve you better, please do take a few minutes to participate in our **online EURAXESS Links Survey**. Thank you!

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy and peaceful Lunar New Year of the horse!

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1 EU Insight – Open Access: status quo and EU initiatives in Horizon 2020

One of the key principles to be implemented in the European Research Area is "to guarantee access to and uptake of knowledge by all" — or the so-called "open access" (OA). Open access refers to the practice of providing on-line access to scientific information that is free of charge to the end-user.

Open access

requirements are based on a balanced support to both 'Green open access' (immediate or delayed open access that is provided through self-archiving) and 'Gold open access' (immediate open access that is provided by a publisher).

The EU's open access initiatives

The European Commission has long possessed the view that as all research and innovation builds on earlier achievements, an efficient system for broad dissemination of and access to research data and publications can accelerate scientific progress. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science stresses that "[w]e need to ensure that scientists have access to the best and latest results of research." That is why new publications based on EU-funded research will be freely available to all. In addition, as part of a pilot open access to some of the scientific data resulting from Horizon 2020, the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, will also be opened up.

Open Access to EU-funded scientific research

The European Commission (EC) aims to optimise the impact of publicly-funded scientific research, both at European level (under the EU Research Framework Programmes FP7 and Horizon 2020) and at Member State level. This is essential for Europe's ability to enhance its economic performance and improve the capacity to compete through knowledge. Open access to results of publicly-funded research could facilitate the dissemination process to the benefit of researchers, innovative industry and citizens. It can also boost the visibility of European research, and in particular offer small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) access to the latest research for utilisation.

Therefore, the Commission's strategy is to develop and implement open access to research results from projects funded under FP7 and Horizon 2020 (H2020).

Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020

A novelty in H2020 is the 'Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020'. Launched on December 16th, 2013, researchers in projects participating in the pilot are asked to make the underlying data

The **Pilot** involves the following **key areas** of Horizon 2020:

- (1) Future and Emerging Technologies,
- (2) Research infrastructures part e-Infrastructures,
- (3) Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies Information and Communication Technologies,
- (4) Societal Challenge: Secure,Clean and Efficient Energy partSmart cities and communities,
- (5) Societal Challenge: Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw materials with the exception of topics in the area of raw materials,
- (6) Societal Challenge: Europe in a changing world inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies, and
- (7) Science with and for Society.



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needed to validate the results presented in scientific publications and other scientific information available for use by other researchers, innovative industries and citizens. For 2014-2015, topic areas participating in the Open Research Data Pilot will receive funding of around €3 billion.

The EC's guidelines on open access

Two sets of guidelines were published in December going hand-in-hand with the launch of the above-mentioned pilot and open access initiatives under H2020:

- The "Guidelines on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data in Horizon 2020" provide context and explanation for the rules on open access applicable to beneficiaries in projects funded or co-funded under Horizon 2020.
- 2) The "Guidelines on Data Management in Horizon 2020" published by the EC are addressed to applicants and beneficiaries of projects under the Framework Programme. These guidelines are intended to give them indications on how they can comply with their responsibilities regarding research data quality, sharing and security.

Measuring the status quo of open access on European and world level

In August 2013, three <u>reports</u> were published as part of a study conducted for the European Commission (EC) to develop a set of indicators for measuring open access in the European Research Area (ERA) countries, as well as Brazil, Canada, Japan, and the US. The reports came to several interesting conclusions. First of all, compared to <u>open access repositories</u> of theses and scientific articles, institutional repositories that support the archiving of *scientific datasets* remain marginal.

Second of all, in regard to the availability of open access scholarly publications, the tipping point for OA (more than 50% of the papers available for free) has been reached in several countries according to the authors. Of the countries in question Brazil leads with 63%, followed by the US with the proportion of open access peer-reviewed papers being 56% while Canada is about to reach the tipping point (currently at around 49%). The ERA has roughly the same proportion of OA articles as that observed at the world level (43% for 2008-2011, a figure which is not recalibrated for precision and recall), though there are noticeable differences among the countries with the Netherlands, Portugal, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Malta, Ireland, and Belgium having already reached the tipping point.

And third of all, the authors argue that most national governments have not proposed or implemented direct <u>legislation on OA</u> (the major exceptions being the US and Brazil who also lead in regard to OA availability) and instead, OA is often addressed through less formal means, such as the production of guidelines for research funding agencies. The development of an OA culture among researchers can be fostered – the authors conclude – by institutions, funding bodies, and governments through initiatives that enable or provide incentive for the OA dissemination of peer-reviewed publications.

The European Commission sees the implementation of open access is a major challenge given the uneven state of advancement of Member State policies in this area. Therefore, the EC encourages national initiatives at Member State level and contributes to their co-ordination within the ERA. Continuing the engagement with stakeholders and encouraging a culture of sharing scientific publications and, with due respect to the rights of all concerned, research data are major concerns over the course of Horizon 2020.

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A list of relevant EU-funded projects can be accessed here.

2 Feature: Strengthening EU – ASEAN bi-regional cooperation in Science, Technology & Innovation

The first ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and innovation Days took place at Thailand's Science Park in Bangkok in January (21-23) and attracted more than 450 scientists, policy makers, funding agencies and innovative companies from across ASEAN and Europe.

The event, which was hosted by Thailand's National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), marked the ASEAN launch of Europe's new

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from left to right, Dr Pichet Durongkaveroj, Secretary General, National Science and Technology Innovation Policy Office (STI); Ms Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation, DG RTD, European Commission; Dr Thaweesak Koanantakool, President, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA); and H.E. Mr Jesus Miguel Sanz, EU Ambassador to Thailand.

framework program for research and technological development Horizon 2020, an 80 billion euros program supporting research and innovation in Europe and beyond . Ms Cristina Russo, Director of International Cooperation, Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission presided over the launch of Horizon 2020, noting in her opening remarks that "European partnership with ASEAN countries will be of utmost importance. The traditional powerhouses of the US, Europe and Japan will account for a smaller share in science and technology."

The STI Days event comprised scientific workshops focused on the societal challenges of food, health and water, as well as workshops on material transfer, innovation, IPR issues and metrology. As part of the STI Days,

EURAXESS Links ASEAN organised a one-day event to showcase European mobility and funding opportunities available to researchers in Southeast Asia. The following organisations presented specific mobility programs that offer Southeast Asian researchers an opportunity to build their research career by working at labs, universities, research institutes and companies across Europe: the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Research Foundation, the European Research Council, ASEA Uninet, Campus France, British Council, Thailand Research Fund, the European Molecular Biology Organisation, and the European Metrology Research Program. This event was attended by more than 85 researchers from across ASEAN.

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During the afternoon session there was a workshop dedicated to the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) under Horizon 2020 which provided information on specific MSCA open to participation by researchers in ASEAN, as well as practical advice on how to prepare a successful proposal.

For more information on the STI Days and the Researcher Mobility event, to access copies of the presentations, please visit the STI Days website

www.stidays.net

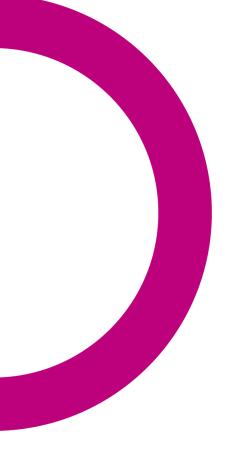


On 24 January, 200 researchers and policy-makers in Singapore made use of the unique opportunity to learn about mobility opportunities directly from representatives of leading European research and funding agencies. The speakers had travelled on to Singapore to participate in this second EURAXESS Links ASEAN event, this time co-organised with the EU Centre Singapore, SEA-EU-Net, and Nanyang Technological University.

The event started off with the launch of Horizon 2020 by Ms Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation in the European Commission's Directorate-General Research & Innovation. Ms Russo stressed that international cooperation is a key element of this

programme. Indeed, in the past, researchers from across Southeast Asia have actively participated in the European Union Seventh Framework Program for Research and Technological Development (FP7) – the immediate predecessor to Horizon 2020 – and have shown a significant increase in participation and funding rates over FP6. ASEAN as a region ranks 5th in FP7 participation after Russia, US, China and India. As of June 2013, there were 212 ASEAN participations in FP7 projects worth more than 1 billion euros. In FP6 there were 149 participations by ASEAN partners. Ms Russo expressed her sincere hope that the cooperation between the EU and ASEAN will further expand. This sentiment was echoed by Ms Tricia Huang, Deputy Director of Singapore's A*STAR Graduate Academy, who highlighted the very active cooperation between Singapore and the EU and its member states.

All presentation slides are available on the EURAXESS Links ASEAN website.



<u>Impressions of the Singapore leg of the EURAXESS Links ASEAN mobility</u> workshop on 24 January 2014













Images of the event can be accessed on our <u>Facebook site</u>.

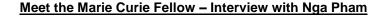


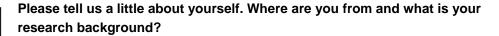
3 Spotlight: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs)

As of January 2014, and under Horizon 2020, the Marie Curie Actions have become Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs) to recognise the Polish origin of the iconic female scientists of the 20th century. The new framework programme – Horizon 2020 – is centred around three key objectives or so-called pillars: Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges. The MSCAs are placed under the Excellent Science pillar.

MSCAs are European research grants available to researchers regardless of their nationality or field of research. In addition to generous research funding scientists have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences or disciplines useful for their careers.

For more information on the MSCA fellowships and their position in Horizon 2020 please refer to the <u>Network Newsletter</u>.





Hi everybody! It is a great opportunity to say hello to all of you! My Name is Nga Pham from Vietnam. After completing my Marie Curie studies at the end of 2012, I returned to my country and rejoined my previous University, the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) of Vietnam - where I have been working as a lecturer on Urban and Rural Management.

Please tell us briefly about the research project you have been doing as a Marie Curie Fellow?

As a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Antwerpen in Belgium, I was researching European MBA programs, focusing on factors that affect customers' choice of a particular MBA program. Concretely, I investigated customer expectations about the characteristics of MBA programs which (1) MBA students want to pursue and (2) the employers/sponsors want to target for recruiting MBA graduates/ sending their employees to follow an MBA. I conducted an exploratory survey both to MBA students and their employers/sponsors, aiming to know why they choose a particular MBA program. The research results provided a comprehensive picture of the expectations of students/sponsors in pursuing an MBA and employers in recruiting MBA graduates. Since the study was carried out with samples from multiple EU countries it showed what extent MBA degrees, EU practices and



results are unique, and what trends may be expected as globalization and convergence of business continues.

Why did you choose to apply for this particular project?

I applied for the MC project for various reasons. In the Work Program for FP7, emphasis is placed on the need "to understand better the driving forces of global interactions and interdependencies". Education and training theory and practice play an important role in this understanding. My PhD in business education ("Facilitating training transfer effects based on simultaneous influences of training design, trainees' motivation and work environment" (2010)) put me in an ideal position to pursue this particular aspect. Within the context of the MC project, I would continue to test and validate the findings of my PhD in different countries and training contexts to strengthen the cross-cultural validity of the findings. This is especially the case for my home country Vietnam with high economic growth where the development of a competent training design is one of the key success factors for sustainable development.

Where did you get information about the MSCA?

My PhD supervisor recommended the funding program to me when I was finalizing my PhD project. After that, staff at the University of Maastricht provided great support throughout the application process.

In retrospect, which elements do you think were decisive in you being successful in your application?

I believe my strong CV and my clear work plan were powerful elements in my application.

Do you have any advice for other young researchers who are considering applying for a MSCA?

Yes, personally, I think firstly you need to have your own great idea which then should be well presented in your research proposal. Moreover, please make sure that you demonstrate a feasible approach to tackle the great idea that you have (in my case I drew up a concise implementation & work plan). In other words, you should keep the right balance between marketing your idea and your approach to completing your project. In addition, please do not forget to present this idea clearly so that evaluators understand you correctly.

What were the most significant benefits you derived as a MC Fellow?

I have gained a lot of benefits from the MC Project. However, talking about the most significant benefits, I would mention the following. I have acquired the skills and competence necessary to deal with strategic issues related to the theory and techniques of business education and training. My research period as an MC Fellow has allowed me to reach a position of professional mastery and

maturity, diversity of experience, and independence. My participation in the workshops during my research stay exposed me to different fields and ideas. These also helped me to approach the subject of my research from new perspectives which I would otherwise have missed. I also used networking opportunities to share my views with colleagues and to gather valuable information about other academic and non-academic issues. This therefore added significantly to my career development.

Links to further details:

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs), IIFs, ITN, IRSES



4 News & Developments

3.1 European Union

3.1.1 ERC Consolidator Grants award €575 million to mid-career researchers

The European Research Council (ERC) has selected 312 top scientists on 14 January in its first Consolidator Grant competition. This new funding will enable the researchers to consolidate their own teams and to further develop their best ideas. Projects selected include: using a geochemical clock to predict volcanic eruptions, exploring the effects of Dark Matter and Dark Energy on gravitational theory, checking responsibility, liability and risk in situations where tasks are delegated to intelligent systems, and investigating the role of genetic and environmental factors in embryo brain wiring. Total funding in this round is €575 million, with an average awarded grant of €1.84 million, up to a maximum of €2.75 million.

The ERC calls target top researchers of any nationality based in, or willing to move to, Europe. Among the different types of grant awarded by the ERC, the Consolidator Grant targets top researchers of any nationality and age, with over 7 and up to 12 years' experience after PhD, and a scientific track record showing great promise. In this latest call, grants have been awarded to researchers of 33 different nationalities, hosted in institutions located in 21 different countries throughout Europe, with 9 of them hosting five grantees or more. In terms of host institutions, the UK (62 grants), Germany (43) and France (42) are in the lead. There are also researchers hosted at institutions in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Israel, Belgium, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Turkey, Cyprus, the Czech Republic and Norway. In terms of researchers' nationality Germans (48 grants) and Italians (46) are at the top, followed by French (33), British (31) and Dutch (27) researchers.

Over 3600 proposals were submitted to this ERC Consolidator Grant competition. The average age of the selected researchers is 39.

Around 45% of the grantees selected are in the domain 'Physical Sciences and Engineering', 37% in 'Life Sciences' and almost 19% in 'Social Sciences and Humanities'. The grantees were selected through peer review evaluation by 25 panels composed of renowned scientists from around the world.

Set up in 2007 by the EU, the European Research Council is the first pan-European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. From 2007 to 2013, under the seventh EU Research Framework Programme (FP7), the ERC's budget was €7.5 billion. Under the new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), Horizon 2020, the ERC has a substantially increased budget of over €13 billion.

Source: European Commission



3.1.2 ESA'S 'sleeping beauty' wakes up from deep space hibernation

It was a fairy-tale ending to a tense chapter in the story of the Rosetta space mission this evening as ESA heard from its distant spacecraft for the first time in 31 months. Rosetta is chasing down Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, where it will become the first space mission to rendezvous with a comet, the first to attempt a landing on a comet's surface, and the first to follow a comet as it swings around the Sun.

Since its launch in 2004, Rosetta has made three flybys of Earth and one of Mars to help it on course to its rendezvous with 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, encountering asteroids Steins and Lutetia along the way. Operating on solar energy alone, Rosetta was placed into a deep space slumber in June 2011 as it cruised out to a distance of nearly 800 million km from the warmth of the Sun, beyond the orbit of Jupiter.

Now, as Rosetta's orbit has brought it back to within 'only' 673 million km from the Sun, there is enough solar energy to power the spacecraft fully again. Thus on 21 Januaryb 2014, still about 9 million km from the comet, Rosetta's preprogrammed internal 'alarm clock' woke up the spacecraft. After warming up its key navigation instruments, coming out of a stabilising spin, and aiming its main radio antenna at Earth, Rosetta sent a signal to let mission operators know it had survived the most distant part of its journey. The signal was received by both NASA's Goldstone and Canberra ground stations at 18:18 GMT/ 19:18 CET, during the first window of opportunity the spacecraft had to communicate with Earth. It was immediately confirmed in ESA's space operations centre in Darmstadt (Germany) and the successful wake-up announced via the @ESA_Rosetta twitter account, which tweeted: "Hello, World!"

Rosetta's first images of 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko are expected in May, when the spacecraft is still 2 million km from its target. Towards the end of May, the spacecraft will execute a major manoeuvre to line up for its critical rendezvous with the comet in August. After rendezvous, Rosetta will start with two months of extensive mapping of the comet's surface, and will also make important measurements of the comet's gravity, mass and shape, and assess its gaseous, dust-laden atmosphere, or coma. The orbiter will also probe the plasma environment and analyse how it interacts with the Sun's outer atmosphere, the solar wind. Using these data, scientists will choose a landing site for the mission's 100 kg Philae probe. The landing is currently scheduled for 11 November and will be the first time that a landing on a comet has ever been attempted.

Full article: ESA

3.1.3 Horizon 2020: calls for scientific experts to join the European Union's database of peer reviewers in the new EU programme for research and innovation

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professors and other distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

Following the recent launch of the first calls for proposals under Horizon 2020, the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, the EU is now calling for expressions of interest from international experts that would like to get involved in the selection of project proposals as peer reviewers.

Distinguished researchers and innovators are strongly encouraged to register as prospective experts to the EU database. Registration is free of charge. The resulting database of experts will be used by the European Commission mainly to select and appoint peer reviewers of project proposals. Appointed experts will receive a daily honorarium and reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs for their occasional short-term assignments.

This call for expression of interest is addressed to experts from various research-related organisations, for instance research institutions and agencies, universities, standards organisations, enterprises or civil society bodies. Experienced professionals of all profiles are encouraged to subscribe to Horizon 2020 project evaluation and monitoring database.

The desired areas of expertise comprise every research discipline included in the Horizon 2020 calls, such as Personalised health care; Food security and sustainable agriculture; Blue Growth: Unlocking the Potential of Seas and Oceans; Digital security; Smart cities and communities; Competitive low-carbon energy; Energy efficiency; Mobility for Growth; Waste: A Resource to recycle, reuse and recover raw materials; Water innovation: boosting its value for Europe; Overcoming the crisis: new ideas, strategies and governance structures for Europe; Disaster-resilience: safeguarding and securing society, including adapting to climate change; and Industrial Leadership.

In addition, the looked-for areas of expertise also include aspects cross-cutting the entire Horizon 2020, such as: Innovation in SMEs; Knowledge transfer and intellectual property rights; Research career development, Doctoral training and skills; Sustainable development; International cooperation, and many more.

Details

3.2 ASEAN

3.2.1 ASEAN and EU Strengthen their Partnership and Cooperation

The 21st meeting of the ASEAN-EU Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) was held on 24 January 2014 in Jakarta. The Meeting confirmed the positive momentum of EU-ASEAN Dialogue Relations and looked forward to further strengthening the partnership and cooperation for mutual benefit. Since the adoption in April 2012 of the Bandar Seri Begawan Plan of Action to strengthen the ASEAN-EU enhanced partnership 2013-2017 and the EU's accession to the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in July 2012, the relationship has broadened and deepened substantially.

ASEAN and the EU welcomed the progress achieved in ASEAN-EU cooperation. They were satisfied with the progress made to strengthen cooperation in the area of science, technology and research and welcomed the EU-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation Days, which took place in Bangkok from 21 to 23 January 2014. Both sides were satisfied with the cooperation on civil aviation and looked forward to the EU-ASEAN Aviation Summit to take place on 11-12 February 2014 in Singapore. Significant progress has been made in the area of Information and communications technology (ICT) and several workshops planned next year. Cooperation on human rights was intensifying. Members of the ASEAN Commission on the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) visited Brussels on 19-22 February 2013 and the EU looked forward to welcoming the second visit of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) to Brussels later in 2014. ASEAN and the EU discussed their increasing cooperation in the context of the ASEAN Regional Forum and looked forward to the next session of the ARF Inter-Sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy in Brussels on 7-9 April 2014.

Source: **EU Delegation Jakarta**

3.2.2 EU and Thailand open forum to raise awareness in science & technology for public and youth

The Delegation of the European Union to Thailand joins hands with the National Science & Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) in organising an international conference on "Science & Technology for the Public/Youth". The event provides a forum to exchange ideas in raising awareness in science and technology and allows an extensive discussion on effectiveness and transferability of programmes and interventions, the relations between policy-making, scientific community, and the public and media involvement. AlmostOne hundred participants from various areas in Science and Technology; scientists, researchers, academics, private sectors and press, were present to hear from European and Thai experts who shared their experiences in science programmes and events; ranging from big events (Science Festival, Science Week) to reach general public to small activities for kids with enquiry-based learning approach to encourage curiosity.

"The past decade has seen a substantial increase in the level of cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation between the ASEAN and the EU. ASEAN researchers are currently participating in EU Seventh Framework program (FP7) funded projects worth more than € 517 million" said Ambassador Jesus Miguel Sanz, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand. "This cooperation continues to expand as well as deepens, and involves an increasingly wide range of actors."

Dr. Thaweesak Koanantakool, President of the National Science & Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), addressed "Science & Technology have become a big part in our lives as never before. It influences the way we think, work, communicate, learn and play. However, the awareness on the importance of science is limited to only small groups. We are fortunate to see the EU





Delegation to Thailand is bringing the experts to discuss on this topic. This is a stepping stone for further collaboration in policy dialogue besides the increasing cooperation in research project"

This international conference is supported by the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand under the Thailand-European Union Policy Dialogues Support Facility (PDSF) and is the first activity after the official launch on 30 October 2013.

Source: NSTDA

3.2.3 Malaysia: Survey on public awareness of science, technology and innovation in Malaysia

The Malaysian Science and Technology Information Centre (MASTIC) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) is carrying out a survey on public awareness of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in Malaysia and PE Research Sdn Bhd has been appointed to carry out this survey between December this year until March 2014.

Findings from the survey will provide valuable information for policy makers to plan and execute suitable strategies to ensure easy understanding and to improve public interest in STI. Effective STI programmes will lead to positive socio-economic development.

Details

3.2.4 Singapore: National University of Singapore to host secretariat of zoological naming authority

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) announced that NUS will be hosting the secretariat for the next three years from 2013 to 2016, the first for this region. The latest ICZN meeting discussed ICZN's online registration system of animal names termed "ZooBank", the rules concerning online-only publications, as well as work on preparing the fifth edition of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* which governs the naming of species. It also examined the challenges and changes in the new scientific climate to remain more financially viable and effective, as funding from the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature becomes unavailable.

NUS' offer to host the secretariat and provide funding was thus timely during this difficult period. Dr Jan van Tol, President of ICZN said: "It is important that we move to Asia where there are a lot of activities in taxonomy." He pointed out in particular that researchers in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and China have been very active in this aspect. A distributed secretariat provides ICZN the opportunity for setting up headquarters in different parts of the world, rather than just focusing on the UK, US and Europe.

Professor Barry Halliwell, NUS Deputy President (Research and Technology), noted that Singapore and the surrounding Southeast Asian region are extremely

rich in animal life, with new species being discovered weekly. "In Singapore there is a growing realisation of the importance of biodiversity and species, especially in relation to global warming," he said. "NUS has for many years conducted excellent research on biology and biodiversity, and how it will be affected by environmental changes; and we therefore recognise the importance of the zoological commission and its activities."

Source: NUS

3.2.5 Singapore: Nanyang Technological University parthers Dutch Wageningen University in food science and technology

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is tying up with Wageningen University from the Netherlands - one of the world's leading research centres in Food Science and Technology - to ramp up research in Food Science and Technology, an upcoming research frontier that is expected to be an important engine of growth for Singapore. The School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at NTU and the Department of Agrotechnology and Food Sciences at Wageningen University, are looking at various new undergraduate modules specialising in Food Science and Technology. NTU aims to develop full-fledged programmes in Food Science and Technology at both the undergraduate and Master's level, involving more schools and departments from NTU and Wageningen University. This will contribute to a critical mass of trained manpower for the food industry both locally and regionally.

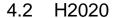
Source: NTU

4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 National EURAXESS portals

Latest information on open calls for grants and fellowships in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the national EURAXESS portals.

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, FYRoMacedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK.



The European Commission has launched the first calls under Horizon 2020. Calls in the 2014 budget focus on the three key pillars of Horizon 2020:

- Excellent Science: Around €3 billion, including €1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists, and €800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers.
- Industrial Leadership: €1.8 billion to support Europe's industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.
- Societal challenges: €2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing
 Horizon 2020's seven societal challenges, broadly: health; agriculture,
 maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action,
 environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies;
 and security.

Research topics open for international cooperation can be found here

4.3 International Cooperation Opportunities in FP7 for ASEAN Countries

DG Research and Innovation has published tailored presentations for various world regions, highlighting the key areas of FP7 with a focus on international cooperation and specific opportunities for ASEAN countries.

Further information can be found here:

DG Research & Innovation: International Cooperation

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4.4 Open Calls in the 7th Framework Programme (FP7)

Below is a list of all currently open calls in each strand of FP7. You can also find a good overview of upcoming calls at <u>EURESEARCH</u>, the platform on European research by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

4.4.1 COOPERATION

1 open call remains in the Cooperation strand of FP7:

	Field	Call Identifier	Call Title	Deadline
1	Joint Technology Initiatives (Annex IV-SP1)	IMI-JU-10-2013	IMI 10th Call 2013	2014-01-28

Currently no forthcoming calls remain in the Cooperation strand of FP7:

Further information: Cooperation

4.4.2 CAPACITIES

1 open call remains in the Capacities strand of FP7.

	Call Identifier	Call Title	Publication Date	Deadline
1	FP7-CDRP-2013- EUR-CD	Career Development	2013-11-14	2014-04-15

Further information: **CAPACITIES**

4.5 Thailand: NSTDA Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

The National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) recognizes the importance in networking among international scientific communities and welcomes researchers from around the world to do postdoctoral research at NSTDA. It also provides an opportunity to share and exchange ideas and knowledge with NSTDA scientists while utilizing R&D facility at world-class laboratories in the Thailand Science Park.

Eligible applicants must be:

- 1. Scientific experts or scientists (obtained a Ph.D. degree within a period of 5 years from well-recognized universities or research institutes)
- 2. Available to work full time with NSTDA scientists in Thailand for a period of at least 1 year but not more than 2 years.

Details: NSTDA

4.6 Sweden: Swedish Research Council: 2014 Call Openings Announced

During 2014 a number of grants will be announced, for example Project Research Grants and International Postdoc Grants. All details about the terms

and conditions of the grants are not ready yet. They will be available when the call for proposals opens, the dates are shown below.

There may be further announcements during the year, as a result of special subject-specific efforts, or through government mandates.

Further information: SRC

4.7 Malaysia: Malaysia Biorisk Management Enhancement Grant (CRDF Global)

CRDF Global in partnership with the U.S. Department of State Biosecurity Engagement Program (BEP) and the Malaysia Biosafety and Biosecurity Association (MBBA) in support of Malaysia Biorisk Management Enhancement Grant (BMEG) Program. The BMEG Program goal is to provide financial assistance for biosecurity and biosafety enhancements, such as laboratory security upgrades and biorisk management training, at biocontainment facilities in Malaysia.

Individuals from public and private sector biocontainment facilities in Malaysia, including animal facilities, research facilities, diagnostic laboratories and hospitals are encouraged to apply.

CRDF Global, an independent non-profit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration, will administer the grants.

Deadline: 24 February 2014

Details

4.8 Luxembourg: ATTRACT 2014: Call for Proposals

The ATTRACT programme by the National Research Fund (FNR) aims to support the Luxembourgish research institutions to expand their competences in strategic research areas by attracting outstanding young researchers with high potential to Luxembourg.

Projects submitted should be innovative and of high scientific quality. Candidates must be able to show that they have gained a minimum of two and a maximum of eight years' professional experience since successful completion of doctoral studies. Proposals selected under the ATTRACT programme have a lifespan of five years and the financial contribution by FNR can be up to EUR 1,750,000 or 2,500,000 € for 'Starting Investigators' or 'Consolidating Investigators' respectively. Following a successful final evaluation, the applicant can transition to the next career stage and obtain tenure (if not already the case) and promotion.

Application deadline: 3 February 2014 (14:00 CET): Joint submission by the candidate and the Luxembourg host research institution of a pre-proposal form with a brief project description.



Further information: FNR

4.9 Germany: Humboldt Fellowships

The German Humboldt Foundation offers a number of fellowships and awards for researchers at different stages in their careers. Applications for the following programmes can be made at any time.

4.9.1 Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers

The fellowship is open to researchers from abroad with above average qualifications who are at the beginning of their academic career and who have completed their doctorate in the last four years. A Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers allows for carrying out a long-term research project (6-24 months) that is selected by the fellows in cooperation with an academic host at a research institution in Germany.

Further information: <u>Humboldt Fellowships for Postdocs</u>

4.9.2 Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

For researchers from abroad with above average qualifications who completed their doctorate less than twelve years ago and work at least at the level of Assistant Professor or Junior Research Group Leader or have a record of several years of independent academic work. A Humboldt Research Fellowship for experienced researchers allows for carrying out a long-term research project (6-18 months) that is selected by the fellow in cooperation with an academic host at a research institution in Germany.

Further information: <u>Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers</u>

4.9.3 Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers

Open to researchers from developing countries with above average qualifications who are at the beginning of their academic career and who have completed their doctorate in the last four years. A Georg Forster Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers allows for carrying out a long-term research project (6–24 months) selected by the fellow in cooperation with an academic host at a research institution in Germany.

Further information: <u>Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral</u> Researchers





4.10 EMBO Funding for Courses & Workshops

Biannual selection by a committee of members of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) ensures the consistent high quality and novelty of EMBO-funded courses, workshops and conferences. The commitment of the scientific organizers guarantees the long-term success of the programme to inform and train researchers at all career stages. With over 80 meetings attracting more than 8,000 participants every year, EMBO offers the largest number of scientific training events in Europe. Funding is available for conference series, workshops, practical courses and symposia as well as plenary lectures. EMBO assists organizers with websites, posters and registration.

Further information: **EMBO Courses & Workshops**

5 Jobs

There are currently **6478** research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe and partner countries and in all disciplines) accessible via the <u>EURAXESS Jobs database</u>

AUSTRIA (Wels): Professor for Power Engineering, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

Details

DENMARK (Copenhagen): Professorship with Special Responsibilities in Clinical Child Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Copenhagen

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GERMANY (Hamburg): Detector Scientist (physics, engineering), European XFEL GmbH

Details

GERMANY (Karlsruhe): Professorship for Philosphy of Science with Emphasis on Future Knowledge, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe

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GREECE (Heraklion, Crete): Postdoctoral researcher (Chemistry/Chemical Engineering/Materials Science), Institute of Electronic Structure and LASER (IESL) of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH)

Details

IRELAND (Dublin): Post Doctoral Researcher - Innate resistance to hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, School of Biochemistry and Immunology, University of Dublin, Trinity College

Details

SINGAPORE: Postdoctoral Associate (Future Urban Mobility Group), Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology Centre

Details

SWEDEN (Gothenburg): Postdoctoral position in Spectroscopy for Environmental Catalysis, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at Chalmers University of Technology

Details



6 Events





The first edition was described by a leading technology website as "a creative collusion of some of the world's brightest people from across all sectors involved in research, innovation and science".

This second edition will be even bigger and better, with over 2000 participants.

It will take place under the patronage of the President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso, and will feature inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds.

Further details

6.2 **Thailand:** 1st **ASEAN Microbial Biotechnology** Conference 2014 (AMBC2014), 19 – 21 February 2014

Organised by the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, National Science and Technology Development Agency, and the Ministry of Science and Technology this conference seeks to share research experience and update technology on development and utilization of microbes for biotechnological application, and to provide a stage for strong collaborative network in microbial biotechnology research among ASEAN countries with their international partners.

Deadline for early-bird registration: 31 January 2014

Details

6.3 Malaysia: 13th Malaysia International Technology Expo (MTE), 20-22 February

Since its inception in 2001, the Malaysia International Technology Expo (MTE) region. It is an annual event with more than 500 exhibits of platform inventions and innovations to a targeted audience of trade visitors. MTE 2014 will be the

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13th edition. Invention & Innovation Awards 2014 and the Malaysia International Design Expo & Awards 2014 (mIDEAS) will be held in conjunction with the event. Both awards which recognize excellence in innovative technologies are organized by the Malaysian Association of Research Scientists (MARS). In addition to the existing Invention & Innovation Awards 2014 and mIDEAS 2014; we are introducing a new award as well as a new show which are to be held concurrently with MTE 2014. The new additions are:

- Asian Youth Innovation Awards
- Leap to Commercialization

The education of young innovators and inventors is part of the nations drive in creating highly skilled talents for the future, which is what MTE is about. It is the platform and gateway for inventors, innovators, scientists and entrepreneurs to show case their findings. The aim here is to introduce these new innovations to targeted trade visitors and market.

Details

6.4 Thailand: 2nd ASEAN Plus Three Graduate Research Congress (AGRC), 5-7 February 2014

The theme of the 2nd AGRC in 2014 is "Research and Innovation in ASEAN Plus Three". It aims to bring together graduate students and faculty from ASEAN plus Three countries and from a variety of disciplines to present their research. It offers graduate students an opportunity to gain valuable professional experience by presenting their work in a formal and intellectually supportive environment. It also fosters greater understanding among graduate students and faculty of the various disciplines' approaches to and methods of research. The conference will provide a platform for networking with colleagues and for catching up with old acquaintances. In conjunction with this conference, the 2nd Forum of the Deans of ASEAN Plus Three Graduate Schools will also be organized in order to create a network of collaborative graduate education among the ASEAN Plus Three countries.

<u>Details</u>

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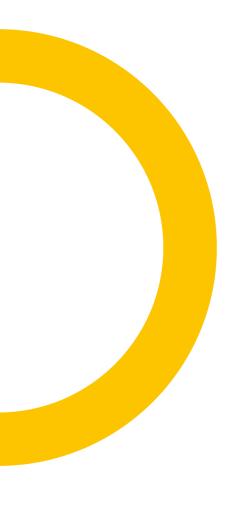
6.5 Germany: 18th International Forum on Advanced Microsystems for Automotive Applications (AMAA 2014), 24-24 June 2014

The automobile is going through the biggest transformation in its history. Automation and electrification of vehicles are expected to enable safer and



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cleaner mobility. The prospects and requirements of the future automobile affect innovations in major technology fields like driver assistance systems, vehicle networking and drivetrain development. Smart systems such as adaptive ICT components and MEMS devices, novel network architectures, integrated sensor systems, intelligent interfaces and functional materials form the basis of these features and permit their successful and synergetic integration. They increasingly appear to be the key enabling technologies for safe and green road mobility.

It has been the mission of the International Forum on Advanced Microsystems for Automotive Applications (AMAA) for more than fifteen years to detect novel trends like this and to discuss the technological implications from early on. Therefore, the topic of the AMAA 2014 will be "Smart Systems for Safe, Clean and Automated Vehicles".

Leading engineers and scholars from all around the world are cordially invited to participate in the dialogue and submit proposals for papers addressing ongoing research and novel developments in this field. Discussions at the conference will focus particularly on the application areas mentioned below. A special attention will be given to topics covered in public funding programs like the European Green Vehicles Initiative PPP.

We are looking forward to receiving your proposals, and to meeting you for an inspiring conference in summer 2014.

Further information: AMAA 2014

6.6 Germany: Molecular Machines: Lessons from Integrating Structure, Biophysics and Chemistry, 18-21 May 2014

The conference program is designed for biochemists and molecular biologists who are interested in molecular machines. It should provide an overview of how structural biology, and more generally biophysical techniques can be applied to different biological problems. The techniques covered in the program include classical high resolution structural biology techniques such as electron microscopy, crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, as well as fluorescence, mass spectrometry, small angle scattering and chemical biology.

The aim of the conference is to show the interdisciplinary nature of the diverse experimental approaches and promote a modern way of thinking, where barriers between specific expertises are crossed. The sessions are organised according to the biological questions, ranging from gene expression to cell division. Experts in the different techniques will present their work back to back, showing the multiplicity of routes that can be followed to understand molecular machines in the cell.

Deadline for submission: 13 February 2014

Further information: **EMBO / EMBL**



6.7 Austria: Going Green – CARE INNOVATION 2014, 17-20 November 2014

The International CARE Electronics Office is pleased to announce the Going Green – CARE INNOVATION 2014 conference and exhibition on Electronics and the Environment. It will take place in Schoenbrunn Palace Conference Centre Vienna (Austria), which is situated in the Apothecaries' Wing of the famous building. This Symposium is the only platform for presenting the up-to-date progress on sustainable development and the development of eco-efficient electr(on)ic & automotive products.

This year's program will feature the latest in environmental design, clean manufacturing, resource efficiency, climate change, new eco-efficient technologies, collection, reverse logistics, refurbishment, carbon trading, re-use, recycling and policy making from leading experts in industry, academia, consulting, recyclers and public area around the globe. Leading companies and institutions in green electr(on)ics will present their innovative products, processes and services at the exhibition.

All companies in the electr(on)ics, automotive, solar and PV, chemical and recycling industry, power suppliers, electricity generators and distributors, contract manufacturers, material and component suppliers, service and logistic companies, collective systems, academia, consulting and public authorities (local, regional, international) are invited to attend and contribute.

Deadline for submissions: 31 May 2014

Further information: **CARE INNOVATION 2014**

6.8 Italy: Third Workshop on Emerging Oncogenic Viruses, 4-8 June 2014

The success of the first two Emerging Oncogenic Viruses meetings, held in 2010 and 2012, and the enthusiastic feedback from the participants, about 120 top scientists, encouraged us to repeat the event in 2014.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which is intended for basic researchers (biologists and epidemiologists) as well as clinicians. The workshop is organized and co-sponsored by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum; DKFZ).

The objectives of the meeting will be the critical evaluation of epidemiology, immunology, and biology of cancer-associated viruses. The programme will emphasise new HPV-related cancers and newly discovered human polyomaviruses; advances concerning other pathogens will be incorporated as they arise.

The official language will be English.

Dates for submissions: 13 January 2014 to 16 April 2014

Further information: **EOV**

6.9 Austria: 4th International Conference on Simulation and Modeling Methodologies, Technologies and Applications – SIMULTECH, 2-4 September 2014

The purpose of the 4th International Conference on Simulation and Modeling Methodologies, Technologies and Applications (SIMULTECH) is to bring together researchers, engineers, applied mathematicians and practitioners interested in the advances and applications in the field of system simulation. Four simultaneous tracks will be held, covering on one side domain independent methodologies and technologies and on the other side practical work developed in specific application areas. The specific topics listed under each of these tracks highlight the interest of this conference in aspects related to computing, including Conceptual Modeling, Agent Based Modeling and Simulation, Interoperability, Ontologies, Knowledge Based Decision Support, Petri Nets, Business Process Modeling and Simulation, amongst others.

Topics:

- Conference Areas
- Simulation tools and platforms
- Formal Methods
- Complex systems modelling and simulation
- Application Domains

SIMULTECH 2014 will be held in conjunction with ICETE 2014 (International Joint Conference on E-Business and Telecommunications), ICSOFT 2014 (International Joint conference on Software Technologies), ICINCO 2014 (International Conference on Informatics in Control, Automation and Robotics) and DATA 2014 (Data Management Technologies and Applications).

Deadlines:

• Regular Papers: Paper Submission: 10 April 2014

• Position Papers: Paper Submission: 20 May 2014

• Doctoral Consortium: Paper Submission: 24 June 2014

• Special Session SDDOM: Paper Submission: 23 June 2014

Special Session MSCCEC: Paper Submission: 23 June 2014

• Special Session MSIE: Paper Submission: 26 June 2014

• Special Session HA: Paper Submission: 23 June 2014

Further information: SIMULTECH 2014

7 Resources

Latest Calls

Here you can find the latest calls on the newly set up **Research Participant Portal.**

International Cooperation Activities

Access the <u>portal of the European Commission's International Cooperation</u>
<u>Activities</u> here.

Become an Expert Evaluator for FP7

The website to register as an expert for research activities is available on CORDIS. The call for experts is open both for individuals and for organizations. Source: **CORDIS**

Other Research Career Sites

The Chronicle of Higher Education Careers Service: http://chronicle.com/jobs/

Find A Postdoc: http://www.findapostdoc.com/

Find Scholarships in Europe: http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/

Find PhDs in Europe: http://www.phdportal.eu/
Academic Jobs EU: http://www.academicjobseu.com/
Euro Science Jobs: http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/

The European Job Mobility Portal: http://ec.europa.eu/eures/home.jsp?lang=en

EMBO excellence in life sciences: http://www.embo.org

EuroBrussels: http://www.eurobrussels.com/

Jobs at ITER: http://www.iter.org/jobs

Nature.jobs: http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html

Jobs.ac.uk: www.jobs.ac.uk

Research Jobs in Germany: Research-in-Germany.de

Scholarship Database of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Research Jobs in the Netherlands: http://www.academictransfer.org/

Brainpower Austria: http://www.brainpower-austria.at/