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## Editorial

### An exciting fall for CommNet members

Welcome to this autumn edition of the newsletter. Some of you may have enjoyed the well-attended 2nd Bioeconomy Forum, held in Brussels between 30/09 and 1/10 featuring keynote speeches on bioeconomy hot topics, panel discussions and round table talks with technology transfer experts. All the material will be soon available in the [CommNet members' area](#). For those of you who missed the training on Effective & Entrepreneurial Communications for Research Projects across the Bioeconomy, held between 01-03/10 2013, [further training activity have been organized](#).

Bioeconomy is going forward. In our most recent news, [scientists attempt to reengineer enzymes](#) to introduce the methods of nature into industrial chemistry, as part of the Oxygreen project. What is more, we interviewed the OPTIFERT project coordinator on a new automatic system to [increase agricultural crop yield](#) and simultaneously save resources, by combining irrigation and fertilisation in open field agriculture.

As our valued member, you now have the possibility to upload announcements related to your own events and to post press releases to increase their exposure in the [Media section of the CommNet Members' Area](#).

Last but not least, [the Fab Toolkit](#): new school resources investigating where foods come from including nanotechnology, GM foods or sustainable food processing are now available to download. The resources aim to provide a fuller understanding of the role of food, fisheries agriculture and biotechnology (FAB) in Europe. The collection includes teachers' guides, presentations and worksheets and activity sheets for teachers of students aged 5-16 years. The resources are available in English with translated resources being made available soon: enjoy!

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## Projects' life



### Tweaking Mother Nature's chemistry box

Scientists attempt to reengineering enzymes to introduce the methods of nature into industrial chemistry



### Lucia Doyle: combining irrigation and fertilisation in open-fields agriculture

An automatic system to increase agricultural crop yield and simultaneously save resources



### Next generation cures born from the sea

Tackling the risks of infection and other illnesses remains a challenge. Might the solution come from the sea?

## Next CommNet events...

Date	Free training	
22/10 12:30 CET 11:30 UK	<b>Communications between Industry &amp; Bioeconomy Research</b> - Eighth webinar Research needs to establish contact with and provide appropriate information at the right time to appropriate industry sectors and their representatives.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
14/11 17:00 CET 16:00 UK	<b>CommNet for Education: an introduction to the FAB Toolkit</b> - First eSeminar An introduction to the FAB Toolkit, a range of resources to support the teaching and learning around food, fisheries, agriculture and biotechnology.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
31/03 - 02/04/2014 Aberdeen, UK	<b>Effective &amp; Entrepreneurial Communications for Research Projects across the Bioeconomy – Free Training</b> Join us for this interactive course to explore innovative and effective ways of promoting your EC-funded KBBE research project.	<a href="#">Know more</a>

## ... and other events

Date	Events	
8-11/10 Krakow, PO	<b>Eurobiotech 2013</b> 5th Central European congress of life sciences. Leading area: white and green biotechnology.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
16-18/10 Gdańsk, PO	<b>Bioinnovation &amp; ScanBalt Forum 2013</b> An event that gathers technology transfer experts from all around the world.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
15/11 Brussels, BE	<b>European Open-Space-Conference Food and Health - Research 2020</b> How can we shape the future of research in food and health?	<a href="#">Know more</a>

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