



CommNet

COMMUNICATING THE BIOECONOMY

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## Editorial

### Welcome to the CommNet newsletter!

Welcome to the CommNet newsletter. In this issue, we are presenting an overview of the various bioeconomy initiatives aiming at **producing bioplastics**. Many different sources of raw materials are being explored as **bioplastic precursors, including shrimp and crab shell**, like in the [Chibio](#) project.

Another project, called [SPLASH](#), looks at the possibilities of using **algae to produce plastics**, while [BioConSept](#) is using biomass as an **alternative source of plastic raw material**.

You are welcome to attend the [next training](#), scheduled from 31 March to 2 April 2014, on '**Effective & Entrepreneurial Communications for Research Projects across the Bioeconomy**'. This course is due to be held in Aberdeen, UK. Book early to guarantee your place.

Feel free to spread the word about our second [education e-seminar](#) "On the farm with smart pig technology", to be held next January. It will explain how technology enables farmers to determine the well-being of their pigs and will **provide insight into career opportunities in scientific and technological research in Europe** to 14 – 16 years old students and their teachers.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that as a CommNet member, you can now **upload video material on your Bioeconomy project**. [Click here to know more](#).

### Join our community

You can now follow CommNet on social networks! Stay tuned with the latest news from the Bioeconomy on Twitter and join the conversation in our LinkedIn Group.

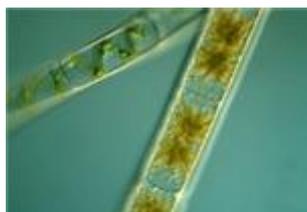
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## Projects' life



### Nylons made from shrimps

Scientists are investigating how shell waste from crustaceans could be turned into polymer precursors as a substitute to petroleum-derived solutions.



### Can plastic be made from algae?

Algae offer many advantages, for the production of precursor molecules used to produce plastics. But these solutions are still quite a long way away.



### Biomass bonanza as plastics' raw materials

How European scientists are preparing for a change from a fossil-fuel to a bio-based economy.

## Next CommNet events...

Date	Free training	
8/01 2014 13:00CET 12:00 UK	<b>CommNet for Education: On the farm with smart pig technology</b> - Second eSeminar Learn how technology can improve living conditions for pigs guaranteeing better feed, better life and better meat.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
31/03 - 02/04 2014 Aberdeen, UK	<b>Effective &amp; Entrepreneurial Communications for Research Projects across the Bioeconomy</b> - Free Training 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	
25-26/02 2014 Dundee, UK	<b>Environmental Management &amp; Crop Protection</b> Conference covers Agri-environmental and Economic Aspects, Combinable Crops, and Potatoes.	<a href="#">Know more</a>
13-15/03 2014 Munich, DE	<b>The Power of Programming 2014</b> International Conference on Developmental Origins of Adiposity and Long-Term Health	<a href="#">Know more</a>
18-19/06 2014 La Rochelle, FR	<b>1st International Pleasure Conference</b> Salt-Sugar-Lipids reduction	<a href="#">Know more</a>

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