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Dear Sir or Madam,

Imaginativeness, knowledge and competence are Europe's key strengths. Together they secure our competitiveness and our prosperity. The ability to maintain and expand these strengths in future means in particular improving the conditions for young talent. The German Council Presidency is therefore specifically championing the promotion of young research talent. Our aim is to provide young researchers with conditions which meet the highest international requirements of the research and industrial world. This includes the close networking of industry, universities and research institutions, a factor which contributes towards optimizing innovation processes.

We would therefore like to cordially invite you to the conference on

European Researchers of Tomorrow -Crossing the Borders of Academia and Industry in Stuttgart from 13 to 15 May 2007

in order to discuss processes of exchange between science and industry. This event within the framework of the German Council Presidency is directed towards young European researchers as well as representatives from academia, industry and politics. The conference will focus on successful current models for cooperation between companies, universities and research institutions, their transferability to the European Research Area, the development of new, innovative approaches and the barriers which are to be overcome.

A copy of the conference agenda with registration form is attached. Alternatively, you may register online under www.eur-future.eu.

We would be delighted to welcome you as our guest.

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