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European BioPerspectives 2007 En Route to a Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy

***Pre-Announcement
(January 2007)***

A high-level conference of the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union will put the knowledge-based bio-economy into the limelight. The conference entitled *En Route to a Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy* will take place on May 30th 2007 in Cologne, Germany.

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High-ranking political representatives of the German government and the European Commission will address the topic and renowned experts from science and industry will present their views in lectures and a panel discussion.

The presentation of the ***Cologne Paper*** will be another highlight. It will outline the perspectives of a knowledge-based bio-economy addressing decision makers in business, politics and governments. The paper is expected to provide insights into the ongoing transformation of major industries through biotechnology and to inspire fresh ideas for the future. It will also reflect aspects of the midterm-review of the EU biotechnology strategy.

This conference will kick-off the third European BioPerspectives (May 31st –June 1st 2007) which is being organised by 18 biosciences organisations. It will present an outstanding scientific programme, industry exhibition, and tech transfer partnering sessions.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, and the European Commission are looking forward to seeing you in Cologne.

***** ***Please forward this message to interested colleagues.*** *****

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information will be distributed in due time. Please note that attending the German Presidency conference *En Route to a Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy* on May 30th 2007 is **free of charge**. Registration will open in mid January 2007.

Participation in the scientific programme, industry exhibition, and tech transfer partnering sessions of the *BioPerspectives* May 31st and June 1st 2007 will require extra registration and fees. Please find more information at:

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Tentative Programme

Wednesday, 30 May 2007

11:30 – 13:00 Registration and lunch

13:00 – 13:45 PLENARY SESSION (Part 1)

Opening, welcome, and political addresses by Ministry of Education and Research, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, and the European Commission

13:45 – 16:00 PLENARY SESSION (Part 2)

Visions of a Knowledge Based Bio-Economy and positions from academia, biotech companies and industry

16:00 – 18:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Debate on critical issues with respect to the KBBE

18:00 – SOCIAL PROGRAMME