



EC-US Task Force
on Biotechnology
Research

INVITATION

"Biotechnology Research for a Complex World" Conference on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research

2nd June 2010, Barcelona, Spain

We have the pleasure to invite you to the conference "Biotechnology Research for a Complex World", co-organized by the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research, this event will serve as a platform for European and US scientists to formulate a vision for the future of biotechnology research and its application for the benefit of society.

The conference aims to challenging the scientific communities on both side of the Atlantic to expand their thinking beyond specific scientific disciplines and address the future needs to reinforce transatlantic collaboration.

Since 1990 the European Commission, the White House Office of Science and Technologies and US agencies funding biotechnology research (NSF, USDA, NIH, DOE, EPA...) have been collaborating in the framework of EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research. The Task Force seeks to anticipate the needs of tomorrow's science today by exchange ideas among administrators and programme managers on the future directions of biotechnology research and development of common activities involving the scientific communities on both side of the Atlantic.

http://ec.europa.eu/research/biotechnology/ec-us/index_en.html

Registration and practical information

This invitation is accompanied by a preliminary programme, practical information about the conference and **how to register**.

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date: 2nd June 2010

Conference: “Biotechnology Research for a Complex World”
*Conference on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the
EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research*

Website: <http://www.ec-us-biotech2010.org>

Venue:



Barcelona
Biomedical
Research
Park

Conference Hall

Barcelona Biomedical Research Park

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How to Register: The Conference enrolment is free, but limited. You have to reserve your place by completing the online registration form you will find at the official website: <http://www.ec-us-biotech2010.org>
Early registration is much appreciated, because it will help to facilitate our planning.

Accommodation: Conference accommodation has been block booked at preferential rates. Room reservations can be made once you have registered to attend.
Rooms must be booked directly with the hotel, via other websites or central reservations offices will be charged at a higher rate.

Please Note: Reservations for accommodation must be **made prior to 15th April**, as after this time we are no longer able to guarantee the Pompeu Fabra University preferential rates or availability.

**Getting Barcelona
By Air:**

The Barcelona airport is located in the township of El Prat de Llobregat, 12 kilometers southwest of the city.

A train connects the airport with the railway station, Estació de Sants, every 30 minutes starting at 5:43 a.m. to 10:13 p.m. The ride takes approximately 30 minutes. Bus service is also available from Plaça de Catalunya, departing every 15 minutes all year around.

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