
EFB representatives meet with Commissioner Potocnik at the European Commission

Brussels, 18/09/2006 – Marc Van Montagu, president of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB), Marin Berovic, EFB Executive Board member, and Christian Suojanen, EFB Secretary General, met with European Commissioner for Research Janez Potocnik and his Cabinet in Brussels on September 17.

In an excellent and highly productive meeting, the EFB representatives communicated the mission and activities of the European Federation of Biotechnology and discussed priorities and concerns for the 7th Framework Programme and biotechnology's increasing relevance to society and the economy in Europe and worldwide.

According to the EFB Secretary General, “the Commissioner took a keen interest in the activities of the Federation and its members” and in the “sustainable application of the life sciences for the benefit of society”.

About the European Federation of Biotechnology

Established by European scientists in 1978, the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) is Europe's non-profit federation of National Biotechnology Associations, Learned Societies, Universities, Scientific Institutes, Biotech Companies and individual biotechnologists working to promote Biotechnology throughout Europe and beyond. The Aims of EFB are to advance the responsible use of the Life Sciences, to promote research at the cutting edge of biotechnology, to provide a forum for interdisciplinary and international cooperation, to improve scientific education and to facilitate dialogues between scientists and the public.

The Mission of EFB is to promote the safe, sustainable and beneficial use of Nature's resources through the application of knowledge in the Life Sciences and biotechnology. The EFB has **5,000 personal members** from 56 countries, **225 institutional members** from across Europe and **15 regional branch offices** in Europe. The EFB Central Office is in Barcelona, Spain.

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