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### Barcelona has a tradition, a present and a future in science and technology

Marine science research protects our beautiful Mediterranean sea. Advances in engineering sciences have allowed us to create spectacular modern and modernist architecture. Leading biomedical centres improve our healthy life-style. A fabulous cuisine is made better through intense innovation by our famous restaurateurs. Warm sun and winds generate energy using environmental technologies. Our open attitude to new people and ideas invites innovation.

**Experience how science enriches life** 

EXPERIENCE HOW SCIENCE ENRICHES LIFE

#### Welcome to ESOF2008

In July 2008 Barcelona, Spain, will host the third edition of the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF2008), the most important pan-European multidisciplinary scientific meeting.

Through presentations, activities, conversations, debates, spectacles and exhibitions, ESOF2008 aims to show the world cutting-edge advances in science and technology, and promote dialogue between science and society.

Without science, we cannot grow as individuals, communities, companies, or societies. Research needs support and interest from society; citizens need to understand better how we live in a science-driven world and to have opinions about the future of science and innovation in Europe.

I encourage the scientific community to participate actively in ESOF2008 and citizens from different backgrounds, interests and professions to embrace this significant international meeting between science and society.

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Enric Banda Co-Chair, ESOF2008 Director, Catalan Foundation for **Research and Innovation** 

#### EUROSCIENCE

Euroscience is the "voice of science in Europe" and the founder of ESOF. It is Europe 's most inclusive multidisciplinary association of scientists, with over 2 100 members from 40 countries.

Founded in 1997, it unites professional researchers, scientific managers, political decision-makers, scientific communicators, professors, students, engineers, businesspeople, and individuals engaged in science and technology in Europe.

Through conferences, meetings and awards, Euroscience promotes closer links between science and society; creates a debate about the importance of European science and technology; influences science policies and motivates intra-European scientific research. Members include many European scientists in all disciplines (including social sciences and the humanities) in the public sector, universities, research institutes or business and industry.

Join us for ESOF2008 in Barcelona, Spain

#### www.euroscience.org

Jean-Patrick Connerade President Euroscience

#### **EVERYONE IS INVITED**

ESOF is Euroscience's biennial celebration of the excitement of Europe's best science.

By bringing Europeans together to discuss the frontiers of research and its relevance to our lives, society and economy, ESOF2008 aims to make science an integral part of European culture.

**Researchers** in all disciplines are invited to submit session proposals on Conference themes and to benefit from the exchange of ideas and knowledge with a rich diversity of scientists, policy makers, businesspeople, journalists and citizens.

**Policy-makers** are invited to chart the future strategy of European research and innovation through discussion and debate on funding and regulation for science and technology.

**Businesspeople** are invited to profit from new opportunities by learning about new discoveries and discussing the needs of Europe's science-based economy.

**Journalists** are invited to debate current cutting-edge research and to interview leading European researchers and scientific decision-makers.

Individual citizens are invited to experience new science in Europe and actively contribute their opinions about its importance to and impact on society.

Teachers and students are invited to meet inspiring scientists, be stimulated by new ideas and be given new resources to teach and learn about science. The future of science is in your hands.

Families and children are invited to have fun with science and enjoy activities that will stimulate Europe's future scientists.

PROGRAM

and be inspired.

#### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Experience cutting-edge science in Barcelona, one of the world's most dynamic cities, boasting exceptional scientific infrastructure and exciting people dedicated to research and development.

#### **EXHIBITION**

At the ESOF2008 venue, Fira de Barcelona, companies, institutions and organizations will showcase innovative discoveries, products and ideas to the anticipated 5000 registered participants and 100 000 attendees.

#### OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

A wide variety of dynamic and interactive activities will bring people together to experience how science touches all aspects of our lives. Leading researchers, together with science communicators, will explain what they do and why in ways that are easy to understand. Programs for children, adults, students, teachers will animate science using culture, sports, leisure and the arts.

#### SATELLITE EVENTS

Barcelona's many research centers, universities, museums, cultural attractions and meeting facilities will host events during ESOF2008. Barcelona welcomes simultaneous meetings and gatherings of European-level associations and organizations.

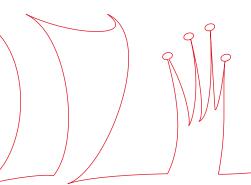
#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Barcelona is a rich cultural experience. Gaudí's modernist buildings, fine wineries, museums of Miró, Picasso and Dalí as well as leading hotels and restaurants offer wonderful settings for a variety of scientific meetings and gatherings.

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Europe's leading scientists in all fields will present their newest discoveries in public sessions. Exhibitions, satellite events and outreach activities will allow people to explore, question, debate



## ESOF2008 INITIAL PROMOTING CONSORTIUM

