



## The **EAPB Forum**

**T**he EAPB Forum provides information about the society, the **European Association of Pharma Biotechnology (EAPB)**. EAPB publishes a bimonthly News Letter exclusively to its members. In addition to this, the EAPB Forum gives information about EAPB activities to the public in Europe and world-wide. EAPB forum also contains latest news not yet published in the News Letter.

EAPB Forum is composed of different sections, for example “EAPB Events”, “EAPB Reports”, “EAPB Statements” and “Company Profiles”.

In “EAPB Statements” we will present our opinion to issues related to Pharma Biotechnology, ranging from educational curricula (to get optimal educated, competitive scientists for industry and research) to statements about regulatory aspects and political frame conditions.

Everybody knows the “big players” in Pharma Biotech and their activities, but what about the innovative newcomers? In our “Company Profiles” innovative, young companies being member of EAPB will have the opportunity to present their technologies and products free of charge to more than 15,000 readers of NewDrugs in Europe and the US.

*about us*

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**EAPB**  
**GOES WEST**  
*presence in San Diego*

The annual meeting of the Controlled Release Society (CRS) took place in San Diego/California from 23-27 June 2001. It was a very successful meeting with about 1,900 participants. EAPB was present together with NewDrugs. Vogel publisher had organised a stand for the distribution of the journal including EAPB flyers. The journal found excellent attention, about 600 copies were picked up within the 3 day conference. The next meeting of CRS ([www.controlledrelease.org](http://www.controlledrelease.org)) will take place in Seoul/Korea. EAPB intends to be present again.

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**EAPB**  
**GOES SOUTH**  
*presence in Madrid*

The 10th European Congress on Biotechnology (ECB10) took place in Madrid from 8-11 July 2001. The conference was organised by the Spanish Society of Biotechnology (SEBIOT) and the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB). It was a successful congress with about 1,100 participants. EAPB was present with NewDrugs and EAPB flyers, each participant had a copy in his conference bag. In addition, EAPB organised jointly with EFB the "Session of Pharmaceutical & Medical Biotechnology" (PMB). It started with the invited EAPB lecture by R.H. Müller, Free University of Berlin about "Approaches for the controlled delivery of biotech molecules", followed by Dr. S. Mehta with the topic "Lipid-based formulation approaches for the delivery of challenging molecules". This was a joint EAPB/Capsugel lecture. The session was concluded by the EFB invited lecture by Ana Carvalhal from the Instituto de Biologia Experimental e Tecnologia in Oeiras/Portugal: "Controlled growth of animal cells for biopharmaceutical production: scientific options and engineering requirements". There were up to 9 parallel sessions during this conference, the PMB session was very well attended.

The next ECB conference will be held in Basle in the year 2003, EAPB will do its best to be present again.

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**EAPB**  
**EVENTS:**  
*Biotech in Duesseldorf*

The policy of EAPB is to join existing meetings and to organise a "Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Session". The classical example is the "BIOTECHNOLOGY 2000" in Berlin where EAPB introduced and exclusively sponsored a "Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Session". It was followed by the German biotechnology meeting in Leipzig, coming up is the Pharma Biotechnology Session at the Annual Meeting of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society in Poznan from 20-22 September 2001. It will be organised in conjunction with EAPB.

Now for the first time, EAPB is organising its own first Pharma Biotech Expert Meeting being held in Düsseldorf / Germany on 1 October 2001 in conjunction with the company Capsugel. Topic is: "The Challenge of Modern Biotechnology in Pharmaceutical Drug Development". The invited speakers are coming mainly from industry, but also regulatory authorities are represented (Irish Medicine Board, EMEA). Topics of the lectures from the preliminary program are for example "Pragmatic aspects of early development of biotechnology", "Application of poorly absorbed drugs by pulmonary drug delivery" and "Registration of pharmaceutical medicinal products in the EU".

## EAPB OUTLOOK

Pharmacy World Congress in Florence in 2002

The 4th World Meeting on Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Technology will be held in Florence / Italy from 8-11 April 2002. It is jointly organised by A.D.R.I.T.E.L.F. Italy, APV Germany and APGI France. The meeting is held under the auspices of EUFEPS and FIP. It is the 4th meeting of a series after Budapest, Paris and Berlin in the year 2000.

Since Berlin, there is also a session "Pharmaceutical Biotechnology" to acknowledge the increasing importance of this field. In Florence, the opening lecture of this session will be an invited EAPB lecture given by Gary Walsh from the University of Limerick / Ireland.

EAPB will also be present together with NewDrugs and Vogel publisher. The cooperation between A.D.R.I.T.E.L.F. Italy, APV Germany, APGI France and EAPB during this meeting will be for the benefit of all these societies.

## EAPB RESPONDS TO CHALLENGE OF STRONG MEMBERSHIP INCREASE: *Structural re-organisation*

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In addition, an extension of the headquarter in Berlin is planned for autumn this year. To cope with the increase in issues per year of our journal NewDrugs, the Advisory Board will also be extended.

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