

## **SEMINAR ON MARINE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES (POLICY BACKGROUND, RESEARCH PRIORITIES, AND INSTRUMENTS) UNDER THE 7TH RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME**

### **Background**

At the Commission proposal for the 7FP, Marine Sciences and Technologies (MST) are specifically mentioned as a priority scientific area which cut across several of the main nine themes determined for EU actions (Annex 1, page 13). Theme 2: Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology; and 6: Environment (including Climate Change) from the Cooperation Programme, are of particular importance for MST. Although, some other themes like Health, Energy or Transport, Socio-economic sciences and Humanities are also of relevance for this area. Furthermore, some measures conceived into other Specific Programmes such as People, Capacities and Ideas may play also an important role for supporting research into MST.

### **Objectives**

The seminar has two main objectives:

- To provide information about research funding opportunities in MST under the 7FP to the main stakeholders concerned (in particular Theme 2 and 6).
- To receive a feedback from stakeholders on the selected research priorities and future needs.

### **Date and location**

The Seminar will be held in Brussels in 16 January 2006. The exact date will be fixed according with the availability of main speakers. The venue will be the Auditorium of Natural Science Museum.

### **Organizers**

The Seminar will be jointly organized by the Informal Group of RTD Liaison Offices (IGLO) and the European Commission. A core group within IGLO coordinated by the Spanish Office for Science and Technology (IEO-SOST) will be established.

### **Attendances**

It is expected the attendances of representatives in Brussels from the IGLO offices, European Commission, Official National Permanent Representation, European Regional Offices, European Parliament, International organizations (EFARO, Marine Board, ICES, CIESM, FAO/CGPM, EAS, Eurocean) and "information multipliers" representing Research Institutions (Universities, public and private Centres) and Industry.

### **DRAFT Agenda**

See Annex 1

## **Draft Agenda**

### **Seminar of Marine Sciences and Technologies in FP 7**

*With a special focus on fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment*

Brussels, 16 January 2007

### **Auditorium of the Natural Science Museum**

8:30 **Registration**

9:30 **Welcome**

- J.M. Chasseriaux, IGLO Secretary
- M. Soares, Director, DG Research, European Commission
- C. Paterman Director, DG Research, European Commission

10:00 **The new Maritime Policy and CFP – J. Richardson**, Head of Maritime Policy Task Force, DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, European Commission.

10:20 **Fisheries, Aquaculture and seafood research in Theme 2 "Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology"**. Tim Hall, Head of Unit, DG Research, European Commission.

10:40 **Marine Sciences and Technologies in Theme 6 "Environment (including climate change)"**. Pierre Mathy, Head of Unit, DG Research, European Commission

11:00 **Questions and answers**

11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:30 **The importance of cross-cutting issues in FP 7** O. Hagström, Head of Unit, DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

11:50 **Coordination of National research programmes: The experience of MARIFISH and MARINERA** John Lock and Maurice Heral, coordinators

12:15 **Question and Answers**

12:30 **Lunch**

**13:30 FP 7 and challenges for Marine Science and Technology**

Short introductory statement by Peter Heffernan, Executive Chief of the Marine Institute, Ireland

Round table discussion

- Martin Scholten, President European Fisheries and Aquaculture Organizations (EFARO)
- Lars Horn, Chairman of Marine Board-European Science Foundations (ESF)
- Gerd Hubold, General Secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES)
- Courtney Hough, General Secretary of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)
- Rosa Miguelez, Member of the European Parliament Fisheries Committee
- Gabriela Bianchi, Fishery resources officer, FAO

*Moderator:* Peter Heffernan

**15:00 coffee break**

**15:20 Concluding remarks**

Antonio Garcia, IGLO

Patrick Sorgeloos Member of the EAG T2

J.F. Minster Member of EAG T6

**15:40 Closing of the meeting** – Member of the Cabinet Potočník