

# FP6 E-Bulletin



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*'Participating in European Research' - The new guide to participating in FP6*  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/pdf/how-to-participate\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/pdf/how-to-participate_en.pdf)

*For the electronic version of the journal 'RTD Info' go to*  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo_en.html)

*For the special edition of 'RTD Info' covering the priorities of FP6 go to*  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo/en/special-fp6/index.html>

*'The Official European Commission Site for FP6'*  
<http://www.cordis.lu/rtd2002>

*'The Research DG Official FP6 Site'*  
<http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/research.html>

## ~ LINKS

- ~ DEFRA FP6 CONFERENCE
- ~ PARTNER REQUESTS

### **DEFRA FP6 Conference – 28<sup>th</sup> November, London**

The DEFRA launch of FP6 took place last week with several familiar faces, both in the audience and as speakers. The highlight for me was the very enthusiastic Liam Breslin from DG Research who spoke about food quality and safety. To be able to keep a hungry (the presentation was just before lunch) and hot (the air conditioning was broken) audience awake and attentive was in my mind impressive. Graham Stroud also gave a clear presentation on the new instruments and all in all, the day was worth while attending. Copies of the presentations will be available on the conference website soon (<http://www.fp6launch.com/>) and included in the conference pack were the latest copies of Work Programmes for Thematic Priorities 1, 5, 6 and 8. If you would like a copy (paper version only I am afraid), please email [leighann@betatechnology.co.uk](mailto:leighann@betatechnology.co.uk).

**WANTED**  
**SME growers and academics**

A spray system uniquely exploiting the classical principle of Aeolian edge-tones emerged from DTI SMART Awards a decade ago. It was widely patented at that time but never pulled through to commercialization despite being performance verified. Recently a non-EC 'apparent' mimic has been promoted by rave reviews that claim striking savings in chemical requirements. EC countries deserve an opportunity to share this benefit but a prerequisite for production is confirmation of efficacy by extensive field demonstrations.

Growers and/or allied academics are needed from across the entire crop spectrum to join the hub of a consortium which includes the IPR holder, a SME sprayer OEM and growers of wine grapes and bush berries. An Exploratory Award was approved but unconverted in FP5 and provides a firm foundation for this initiative. Plans are to submit a proposal to the first call in FP6.

If you are an interested SME grower and/or an academic allied to growers, please provide a brief summary of your capabilities (crop/assay/scale/cost) by email to [neale@thomas.net](mailto:neale@thomas.net) before the New Year.

**WANTED**  
**'PROTECTORS' for an Integrated Project**

A Swedish-Hungarian private environmental technology research and engineering company has an EU FP6 Integrated Project proposal entitled Multipurpose Organic Farming Applications of High P/Ca Content Animal Bone Charcoal by Encapsulation of Microbiological Substances (PROTECTOR). It involves the high term carbonization of the Ca/P content animal bone refuse, bio-encapsulation and recycling of natural minerals into soil for multi purpose applications.

So far, the dedicated group consists of 28 very highly qualified partners from 21 countries (with the core group from NL, D, F, UK, DK, EL,HU, A) comprised of academics, SMEs and industrial partners.

The project consists of applied RTD, demonstration and training components.

The coordinator is searching for innovative partners, especially SMEs, industrialists, environmental soil remediation companies, organic farmers and market oriented innovative research units.

For further details go to the following websites:

[http://eoi.cordis.lu/dsp\\_details.cfm?ID=28443](http://eoi.cordis.lu/dsp_details.cfm?ID=28443) or <http://www.terrenum.net/>. Alternatively contact Edward Someus at TERRA HUMANA Clean Technology Engineering Ltd, Tel.: +36-20 201 7557, Fax: +36-1 424 0224, E-mail: [edward@terrenum.net](mailto:edward@terrenum.net).