Dear Colleague,

I would like to remind you that the **deadline for submitting your abstract(s)** at the international conference "**Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology in the frame of the Knowledge-Based Bio and Green Economy**" (**EMB2012**) (Bologna, Italy, April 10th to12th, 2012) **is next January 31st, and that for early registration is January 15th**.

The preliminary program, registration and abstract submission forms are available at: http://www.emb2012.org/.

AIMS OF THE EVENT: to explore the advances, frontiers and applications of Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology on the sustainable decontamination of polluted habitats, water resource purification and reuse, biofixation of climate change-inducing gases and the production of biobased chemicals, materials and fuels from biowaste or/and via exploitation of novel microbes from non conventional or impacted habitats. *The major ongoing FP7 projects on these subjects will be presented in a special session devoted to the European Commission funded initiatives*.

ORGANIZERS: the Environmental Biotechnology section of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) in cooperation with the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), the Italian Society of General Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology (SIMGBM), the Italian Society of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Microbiology (SIMTREA) and the University of Bologna.

Co-PROMOTERS : International Society for Environmental Biotechnology (ISEB), Environmental Biotechnology section of the Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB), International Association on Mediterranean Agroindustrial Wastes (IAMAW), European Technology Platform SusChem (ETP SusChem), European Association of Biotech Industries (EuropaBio), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Technology Platform "SusChem Italy", Italian Chemical Society (SCI) and Italian inter-university Consortium INCA.

Other features of the event: a dynamic and R&D-oriented program, a highly qualified speakers and scientists from academia and industry, the opportunity to have published the best papers in the international peer-reviewed journal *New Biotechnology* (IF 2.0) and 16 fellowships for excellent young scientists.

I warmly invite you to join us and provide your contribution to the discussion and implementation of the topics of EMB2012.

Yours Sincerely,
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