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BioBridge, the Cambridge UK-based innovation consultancy <u>www.biobridge.co.uk</u>, has organised a workshop on behalf of the PharmaSea EU-supported project on 30th September in Brussels, at EFIB 2013 <u>http://www.efibforum.com/home.aspx</u>, on Streaming Marine Biotechnology through into business <u>http://www.efibforum.com/workshops.aspx</u>.

The PharmaSea project <u>http://www.pharma-sea.eu/</u> is a €9m EU-funded consortium project on overcoming the bottlenecks and generating innovative molecules from deep-sea organisms. It includes 24 partners from Europe, China, South Africa, Chile, Costa Rica and New Zealand, and will continue to 2016. BioBridge is a partner and member of the executive committee.

The workshop will also include industry speakers from three other EU-funded projects, SeaBioTech, MicroB3 and BlueGenics, which are dealing with understanding, innovating and applying new knowledge from marine and genomic sources, and the Government body responsible for the seabed around the UK's coast and its continental shelf, the Crown Estate.

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About BioBridge

BioBridge® was founded in 1989 in Cambridge UK by Mr Meredith Lloyd-Evans. BioBridge focuses on understanding and overcoming barriers to commercialisation for innovation in bioscience technologies and products, in the entire product chain from discovery development to market entry. Our clients companies, individuals, HEIs and public bodies - are in healthcare, biotechnology, medical devices, biomaterials, agricultural resources, animal health, 'green' and 'blue' industries and food.

About PharmaSea

The collaborative project PharmaSea will bring European researchers to some of the deepest, coldest and hottest places on Earth in order to find and develop new useful molecules. The large-scale, four-year project is backed by more than €9.5 million of EU funding and brings together 24 partners from 14 countries from industry, academia and non-profit organisations. The international team of scientists is led by Professor Marcel Jaspars of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, and coordinated by Dr Camila Esguerra of the University of Leuven in Belgium. Field sampling will be carried out in the Atacama Trench in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Arctic waters off Norway, the Antarctic seas and deep trenches off New Zealand and China.

About EFIB & EuropaBio

The European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology and the Biobased Economy (EFIB) is now in its 6th year. Founded by EuropaBio, the trade association for biotechnology in Europe, it brings together the entire community from multinationals to individuals. This year's developments include a new €3.8 Billion public-private partnership BRIDGE, which will embed industrial biotechnology in a wide range of Europe's industries over the next 35 years <u>http://www.europabio.org/press/new-eu-biobased-industries-public-private-partnerships-poised-boost-sustainable-economic</u>.

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