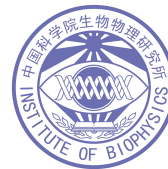




Bio-Asia



4th Bio-Asia Regional Seminar, Bio-Asia Program

November 5 ~7, 2012

Institute of Biophysics/ Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Beijing, China

<http://english.ibp.cas.cn/>

Announcement

The Bio-Asia Regional Programme is a French cooperation initiative targeting Asian countries in order to promote and strengthen high-level scientific collaboration and networking in the region with respect to **research and development in the area of natural substances, from the study of biodiversity to marketing through sustainable uses of natural substances in health, drugs, nutrition, agronomy, cosmetics**. The programme is implemented by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in partnership with leading research institutions in France including the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the Centre for International Cooperation in Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD), the Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), the Institute of Research for Development (IRD), the National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), the Pasteur Institute, the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN) and the National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA).

In the framework of the Bio-Asia program, the 4th Regional Seminar will be held at the Institute of Biophysics/ Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Beijing, on 5-7 November 2012. The event is co-organized by the Embassy of France in China and the French Regional Delegation for Cooperation in South-East Asia, with the support of the Science Attachés posted in Asia.

The seminar is open for participation of researchers from France and Asia. It will give the opportunity, inter alia, to follow up the results of the projects selected under the third Bio-Asia call for proposals and to discuss new avenues for cooperation between France and Asia. The seminar will include thematic sessions of scientific presentations, "posters sessions", a discussion on the terms of the next Bio-Asia call for proposals, and a field trip on the 7th of November (afternoon) to visit local institutes and laboratories.

The 2012 edition's focus topics for scientific presentations are the following:

- Biodiversity, ecology and conservation of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems;
- Natural substances from terrestrial and aquatic origins;
- Valorisation in the areas of health and pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, nutrition, and agriculture.

Deadline for submission of proposals: October 10th 2012

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The detailed program of the seminar will be communicated once all the registrations and proposals for presentations have been received. The organisers will deliver invitation letters for visa application to participants from the 15th of October 2012.