



## **Increasing Researchers' employability in Europe: Marie Curie Actions' Formula for Successful Careers**



### DRAFT AGENDA

#### **Day One: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011**

14:00 Welcoming speech on CNRS and Marie Curie Actions: CNRS

14:20 Marie Curie Action FP6: A comprehensive policy for Researchers' careers: EC official

#### ***Session I***

14:40 National strategies to best exploit Marie Curie Actions potential  
*Representatives of Member States will present their use of Marie Curie Actions to increase researchers' employability and how this EU funding scheme influenced their national policy*

- Keynote speech: Daniel Funeriu, Ministry of Education, Romania (confirmed)
- Stephane Aymard , National Contact Point, France (confirmed)
- Marina Govoroff or Martine Roussel, Representative of "Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche", France (MESR) (confirmed)
- Connor O'Carroll, Acting Marie Curie National Contact Point, Irish Universities, Ireland (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

16:00 Coffee break

#### ***Session II***

16:15 Synergies between private companies and academic groups: key skills for a job in the private sector  
*Speakers will present their intersectorial experience and how private sector can benefit from Marie Curie Actions*

- Diarmuid O'Brien, representative of Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices (CRANN), Dublin, Ireland (confirmed)
- Carlos Malpica, representative of Biopolis, Madrid, Spain (confirmed)
- Åsa Wheelock, Group Leader Clinical Proteomics, ex-MC fellow at University of California, USA (confirmed)
- Michel Mermet-Guyennet, representative of Alstom, France (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

### ***Session III***

17:35 Research institutes strategies to best train researchers

*Representatives of research institutions will present how MCA were used to improve training of researchers and their working conditions*

- Representative of CNRS (tbc)
- Costas Fotakis, FORTH, Director of Institute of Electronic Structure & Laser, Greece (confirmed)
- Claudia Eggert, Heads of the KoWi Office in Brussels, Belgium (confirmed)
- Ari Elson, representative of Weizmann Institute (confirmed)
- University of Birmingham (tbc)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

18:45 End of Day 1

## **Day Two: October 4<sup>th</sup> 2011**

### ***Session IV***

9:30 Fostering employability: the example of social scientists in multidisciplinary and multisectorial environments.

*Team leaders will show how social scientists and scientists in general can benefit from multidisciplinary and multisectorial collaborations*

- Michael Stewart, Anthropology department of UCL, London, United Kingdom (confirmed)
- Marcello Mollica, Marie Curie fellow, Italy (confirmed)
- Maria Aluas, Marie Curie fellow, Romania (confirmed)
- EC project coordinator (tbc)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

10:50 Coffee break

### ***Session V***

11:05 Marie Curie Actions: worldwide collaborations

*Speakers will present how Marie Curie Actions contribute to attract research talents from outside and foster mutually beneficial research collaborations with non-European researchers*

- Keynote speech: M'Hammed Sabour, Professor of Sociology – University of Eastern Finland (confirmed)

- Mary Wu, Marie Curie Fellow, USA (confirmed)
- Gibor Basri, Marie Curie Coordinator, Berkeley, USA (confirmed)
- Elena Romanova, Marie Curie Fellow, Russia (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

12:45 Lunch break

### ***Session VI***

13:45 European organisations' visions

*Speakers will present the strategy of European wide organisations in the field researchers training and employability*

- Lidia Borell-Damian, EUA, Association of European institutions of higher education (confirmed)
- Giovanna Oddo, Member of the European Patent Office Academy (confirmed)
- Esperança Manuel, Secretary General of the Marie Curie Fellowship association (confirmed)
- Laura Marin - ESF (confirmed)

20 min brainstorming with the audience

15:00 From best practices to future implementation: FP7 funding opportunities - Louise Byrne, Research Executive Agency (REA) (confirmed)

15:20 The future of Marie Curie Actions – Representative from Marie Curie Actions Policy Unit – Directorate General for Education and Culture – European Commission

15:40 End of the meeting

## **Practical Information:**

### **Address of the meeting:**

CNRS – Auditorium Marie Curie  
3 Rue Michel Ange  
75016 Paris

### **Access Map:**

<http://www.cnrs.fr/paris-michel-ange/spip.php?article748>

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