



Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great pleasure that we hereby invite you to participate in the **Euroscience Open Forum 2008** (ESOF2008), which will take place in **July 18-22, 2008**, in **Barcelona**. ESOF2008 is organised by Euroscience and hosted by the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI).

ESOF is held every second year in the major science cities in Europe (Stockholm in 2004 and Munich in 2006) and brings science to the attention of all citizens. It aims to be an **interdisciplinary meeting** of leading scientists, young researchers, politicians, policy-makers, innovators, business people, media and communicators. ESOF typically features over 70 scientific sessions in topics ranging from nanosciences to ethics, natural disasters to tissue engineering, and international security to the human mind. Several **Nobel laureates** have already confirmed their participation as plenary speakers.

We invite you to **submit proposals** to present leading scientific and technology issues and/or to organize dynamic public outreach activities. The Call for Proposals to submit ideas for participation in the **Scientific Programme** is open to researchers from all disciplines, public and private institutions, journalists and communicators, policy-makers, and businesses. The core of this programme will consist of scientific sessions mainly organised in ten **Scientific Themes**. In addition to their scientific content, these sessions will stimulate debate on how science, technology and the humanities impact on society and the economy. A **Career Programme** in partnership with Nature Jobs will present the opportunities open to young and mid-career researchers. Proposals that bring together diverse members of Europe's science community are particularly encouraged.

The ESOF2008 **Outreach Activities Programme** is also open for proposals that will engage the imagination of citizens through shows, displays and presentations that bring science to life in the fields of culture, sports and leisure. An **Exhibition** will give commercial, scientific and academic partners the chance to present themselves and their work to a large public.

To answer the Calls, full details of the conditions and how to apply are on the ESOF website (www.esof2008.org). Please note that the **closing date for all proposals is 30 June 2007**.

We invite you to become a member of the ESOF community by **registering online** if you have not done so before. You will receive updates and news of interest, and you will have access to our online community, in partnership with Nature Networks.

You can also contribute greatly to the success of this event by helping us **promote ESOF2008** through your institution, colleagues and network of contacts. Feel free to forward our newsletters, to distribute posters, to include information about ESOF2008 in your own newsletter, to insert a banner in your website, or to organise presentations.

For further information and additional material do not hesitate to contact:

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EuroScience Open Forum is about **Science for a Better Life**. We hope to engage you in a **common effort** to help build a better Europe and a better world through science. We are confident it will be an exciting event!

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