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FCRI presents ESOF2008 in ESOF2006, the second pan-European General Science Meeting, to be held in Munich from July 15th to 19th, 2006

The Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI), co-ordinator of the 3rd Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF2008) -to be held in Barcelona from 18th to 22nd, 2008- presents the main features of the Barcelona's event in a stand in the second pan-European General Science Meeting (ESOF2006) to be held in Munich, Germany, from July 15th to 18th. The ESOF2008 team, together with a delegation of Catalan scientists, policy-makers and businesspeople interested in research and innovation, will participate in the main activities and receptions of ESOF2006.

Enric Banda, director of FCRI and ESOF2008, will give the talk ***Is Euroscience actually building the European Research Area?***, included in the [ESOF2006 programme](#), on **Monday 17 July, from 14:00 pm to 14:50 pm at the Forum am Deutschen Museum, Terra room (Museumsinsel, 1. 80538 Munich)**. FCRI provided up to 10 travel grants for young catalan scientists to attend ESOF2006. Other Spanish organisations also sponsors travel grants for researchers to attend ESOF2006, such as CSIC (10 travel grants) and FECYT (14 travel grants).

ESOF is the only pan-European multicisplinary science meeting attended by professional researchers , scientific managers, political decision-makers, scientific communicators and the general public . At ESOF 2008 venue in Barcelona (July 18th to 22nd, 2008) it is expected to attract 5,000 researchers and 100,000 attendees over the world interested in the social impact of science, programming hundreds of satellite events. FCRI is the local organiser of ESOF2008 following a strong competition with Naples and Genoa for the privilege to host this event.

Euroscience was founded in 1997 (<http://www.euroscience.org/>) and is the founder of ESOF. It is Europe's most inclusive multidisciplinary associations of scientists with over 2,100 members from 40 countries. Euroscience selects an organisation and a city to host ESOF and acts as discussing group and a lobby in scientific policies at continental scale to create an integrated European research area. The second ESOF will take place in Munich (Germany) from tomorrow. The first ESOF took place in Stockholm in August 2004.

An ESOF2008 Local Promoting Consortium was created on the initiative of FCRI, consisting of institutions from the local, regional and national spheres and representing the public sector, science and the media. The founding members of the ESOF2008 Local Promoting Consortium are the following organisations: the Autonomous Government of Catalonia (Departments of Education and Universities, Economy and Finance, Labour and Industry, Health and Environment and Housing); the Barcelona

City Council; the Spanish Ministry for Education and Science and for Industry, Tourism and Trade; the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC); the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT); the Spanish Confederation of Scientific Societies (COSCE); the Institute of Catalan Studies; the Royal Academy of Sciences and Arts of Barcelona; the Catalan Radio and Television Corporation; the Catalan Association of Scientific Communication (ACCC), the Catalan Council of Scientific Communication (C4); the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce; La Caixa and Caixa de Catalunya. Further institutions and bodies will support ESOF2008.

ESOF2008 Budget will be of the order of 4 M€. The content of hundreds of conferences, debates, exhibitions and activities will be focused on social approach of science and its impact and influences in the citizenship's daily life. Some topics for ESOF2008 will be Science and Ethics; Cognitive Sciences; Environment; Physics; Technology (Nanotechnology and Converging Technologies), and food.

ESOF2008 BARCELONA AT ESOF2006 MUNICH

Munich (Germany) from July 15th to 19th, 2006

- **ESOF2008 stand.** Forum am Deutschen Museum. Ground Floor. Museumsinsel, 1. 80538 Munich. Tel. +49 89 211 25 332

- **Conference *Is Euroscience actually building the European Research Area?*** By **Enric Banda**, director of FCRI and ESOF2008. Monday **17 July, from 14.00 pm to 14.50 pm.** Forum am Deutschen Museum. Terra room. Museumsinsel, 1. 80538 Munich. Tel. +49 89 211 25 332