

# European Biophysical Societies' Association

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Dear Biophysical Society Presidents, Secretaries, and National Delegates,

On behalf of EBSA, I kindly draw your attention to the following matters regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress in Budapest on August 23 – 37, 2011 (website: <http://www.ebsa2011.org/>).

## **EBSA Young Investigators' Medal and Prize:**

The EBSA Executive Committee invites all member societies to nominate no more than two candidates for the EBSA Young Investigators' Prize. The Winner of the Prize receives €2000, an engraved medal and presents a lecture at the Congress. Details can be found on the EBSA website (<http://www.ebsa.org/>). **The deadline for nominations is: April 15, 2011.**

## **Bursaries:**

If possible, please make travel bursaries available to young scientists to attend the Congress. For those European scientists that have no access to funds from their National Society, EBSA will provide up to 60 bursaries. Applications will be judged on scientific excellence, whereby applications from Eastern European countries and other countries in need will be favored. Successful applicants will also receive €100 discount from the registration fee of any one of the satellite conferences (see below).

Details of the application procedure can be found on the website of the Congress (<http://www.ebsa2011.org/?nic=bursaries>). The deadline for applications is: March 15, 2011

## **Satellite meetings:**

Taking place around the time of the 8<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress are 3 satellite meetings directly before, and 2 satellite meetings directly after the Congress. Details can be found on the website of the Congress (<http://www.ebsa2011.org/?nic=satellite-conferences>).

EBSA Bursary awardees for the Congress will also receive a €100 reduction of the registration fee if they attend any one of these satellite meetings.

## **EBSA course:**

Directly following the Congress, EBSA will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> EBSA Biophysics Course: "Solar Energy - Biological and Biomimetic Solutions", August 27 – 31, 2011, Szeged, Hungary  
Organizers: Győző Garab (Szeged, HU; [gyozo@brc.hu](mailto:gyozo@brc.hu)), Huub de Groot (Leiden, NL), Alfred R. Holzwarth (Mülheim, GER) (<http://www.ebsa2011.org/?nic=satellite-conferences>).

EBSA Bursary awardees of the Congress will also receive a €100 reduction of the registration fee if they attend this EBSA course.

In general EBSA Courses should be held in the year that a Congress does not take place. National Societies are invited to submit proposals for an EBSA Course in 2012. See the EBSA website for details (<http://www.ebsa.org/>).

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## **EBSA General Assembly and Elections for Members of the Executive Committee:**

The EBSA General Assembly will take place during the Congress. Please select one representative of your Society to be present, vote and participate in the Assembly proceedings. We will need the name of your representative since this is an open meeting.

New elections for the EBSA Executive Committee, if any vacancies exist, will take place at the General Assembly of the 8<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress in Budapest. For regular EC members these appointments are for maximal 3 times 2 years. EBSA invites the National Societies to propose new candidates. A detailed letter and reminder with information will be sent out in April 2011.

## **EBSA Congress, invitations for hosting the 2017 Congress**


EBSA has already decided that the Congresses in 2013 and 2015 will be in Lisbon and Dresden respectively, but a location for the 2017 Congress, possibly as a joint Congress with IUPAB (potentially >1300 participants), has not been decided. The Executive Committee welcomes suggestions from National Societies to host this Congress, with preferences for Northern Europe.

National Societies that are interested in organizing this meeting are invited to briefly present their case (no more than 15 mins, ppt or movie permitted) during the General Assembly at the 8<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress – please contact the EBSA secretary before July 31<sup>st</sup> with an expression of interest.

## **Important deadlines:**

Bursary applications:	March 15, 2011
Submission of abstracts:	April 15, 2011
Nominations EBSA prize:	April 15, 2011
Early registration:	June 30, 2011
Nominations Executive Committee:	June 30, 2011
Expression of interest for hosting the 2017 Congress:	July 31, 2011

Yours sincerely,



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