



NanoteC09

Nanotechnology in Carbon and Related Materials

Announcement

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We are pleased to announce the 11th *International Conference on Nanotechnology in Carbon and Related Materials* **NanoteC09** at Hotel 'Le Plaza' in Brussels from Wednesday August 26th until Saturday August 29th 2009.

On Friday August 28th in the afternoon (16.30 – 18.30) we have a special session devoted to **Nanoscience and European policy**. This session will consist of short presentations from the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), FP7 DIVERSITY project etc., followed by an open floor discussion, stimulated via the conference organising committee and others who will act as 'roving microphones'.

The session should focus on the interface between Nanoscience and European policy addressing the following questions:

- what is it that scientists feel policy makers need to hear, that they currently are not?
- what is it that the policy makers think the scientists need to hear that they're not?
- What do both groups want to hear from each other?
- What are current policy developments concerning nanotechnology? Will they directly impact on researchers in carbon nanoscience, and what input should the scientists be having on this?
- What areas do participants feel need legislation, and how should this be achieved?
- How can policy encourage diversity within nanoscience, both in terms of subjects under study, the balance between fundamental and applied, as well as the human side to nanoscience: gender balance, and involvement of minority groups?

The conference will be attended by some of Europe's best academic nanoscientists who are actually devising and executing Europe's nanoscience R&D. It will be a fantastic opportunity to share the views of the European Commission with them and for you to hear their opinion on current and future priorities in the field of nanoscience. We see this session a great opportunity for both academics and commission officials to exchange information in an informal, open environment and ask the questions that have been on their minds.

You are of course very welcome to attend part or all of the conference if you want, but otherwise the Friday afternoon session will only take a few hours of your time.

For ten years now, the **NanoteC** conferences are famous in the nanoscience community for their friendly and informal approach. The programme runs for three days and comprises primarily presentations of cutting-edge scientific research, however the Friday afternoon is devoted to 'broader topic' subjects, in previous years including science communication and women in science.

NanoteC09 will count more than 100 participants and you can find more details on our website at

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Current scientific participants include **Millie Dresselhaus** (former Director of the Office of Science at the US Department of Energy), **Nicole Grobert** (advisor to the UK House of Lords Science and Technology select committee and UK representative of the FP7 DIVERSITY project) and **Carla Bittencourt** (chairperson of NanoTP, the COST supported largest nanotechnology research network in Europe).

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels in August!

Gregory Van Lier, Malcolm Heggie, Chris Ewels, Nicole Grobert, Jean-Christophe Charlier and Luc Henrard.

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Hotel "Le Plaza*****", Brussels, Belgium.

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