Increasing Researchers' employability in Europe:

Marie Curie Actions' Formula for Successful Careers

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Auditorium Marie Curie CNRS - 3 rue Michel-Ange -75016 Paris

The conference is organised by the European Commission and the Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique - CNRS

Marie Curie Actions are renowned in Europe and beyond for making researchers' career in all sectors more attractive. They are fully contributing to the European Union objectives set in the Europe 2020 strategy to promote mobility, offer adequate skills for new jobs, and foster innovation.

The aims of the conference will be to present and share best practices implemented through the Marie Curie Actions. Through speakers' presentations and participants' contributions we will highlight how member states, research institutions, private companies, team leaders, or individual researchers have made the best use of Marie Curie Actions to increase researchers' employability.

Increasing researcher's employability requires developing strategies for, among others, improving training, obtaining adequate skills to work both in the private and public sectors, networking, benefitting from attractive working conditions, ensuring family friendly working conditions and equal opportunities regardless of the gender, etc.

Marie Curie Actions under FP6 represent more than 4200 contracts worth 1.9 billion Euros. The majority of the projects are now completed and from them emerge series of best practices. A set of these "golden nuggets" has been selected and will be presented during the conference.

The event will gather about 150 high-level research policy makers, renowned scientists and representatives of major stakeholders: relevant European organisations, universities, research institutions, large companies and SME's.

To ensure an optimal preparation, please register at the latest on 20th of September – at the following email address: <u>MCAConferenceParis@cnrs-dir.fr</u>

Please note that due to the limited number of seats, we apply a first come first served policy for the registration.

Please find here enclosed a draft programme of the conference.

For more information, you can contact the Marie Curie Actions mailbox.