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## **Des « Rendez-vous de Concarneau » pour des biotechnologies marines européennes**

The Europabio Blue Biotechnology Working Group (EBBWG) and Concarneau institute of Marine Biology organise the « Rendez-vous of Concarneau », an annual workshop dedicated to marine biotechnologies focused on applications where European Bioindustry is playing a key role.

The oceans and freshwater systems, which account for more than 70 % of the Earth's surface, shelter a vast number of biological resources exhibiting an extensive range of physical, chemical or biological properties. Some of these resources reveal new biological principles, many of which are related to the extreme physical conditions of temperature and pressure in which these resources have developed.

During the past decades, the enlargement of our knowledge of marine biodiversity, in combination with the development of biochemical and genetic tools, has rendered it possible to exploit these biological resources by efficient bioprospecting activities. There is now a possibility to render on a larger scale the still untapped resources in the blue, marine environment to biotechnological exploitation. EBBW aims to facilitate the relations between Basic Research and Industry in a knowledge-based economy, to improve the competitiveness of European Bioindustry and to promote the growth of marine bioindustries in Europe.

These “Rendez-vous” associating industrialists will display an annual periodicity, the first event taking place next August 30 and 31 at the Marine Biology Station of the Muséum of national history in Concarneau France with a focus on marine biomolecules and pharmacology

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