



MaCuMBA Round Table Session at BioMarine 2014

The **MaCuMBA** (Marine Microorganisms: Cultivation Methods for Improving their Biotechnological Applications) project will lead a round-table session at the fifth International BioMarine Business Convention in Cascais, Portugal on 30 October 2014.

BioMarine 2014 is an international conference where CEOs and executives from all areas of the marine sector have the opportunity to meet stakeholders in the marine bioresources sectors and professionals in the marine industry. This is a platform for research and industry alike to diversify their cross-sectoral knowledge, strengthen their existing partnerships and build new opportunities. This event is therefore an excellent opportunity for **MaCuMBA** to build new relationships and promote and transfer the innovative outcomes of the project to key stakeholders.

The objective of the **MaCuMBA** project is to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies. Furthermore, **MaCuMBA** aims to improve the isolation rate and growth efficiency of marine microorganisms from conventional and extreme habitats by applying innovative methods and using automated high-throughput procedures.

Lucas Stal (**MaCuMBA** project coordinator, Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)) and Marieke Reuver (**MaCuMBA** Work Package 9 Leader, AquaTT) will coordinate **MaCuMBA**'s round table session at BioMarine 2014. The session will take place on Thursday 30 October, from 17.00-18.00. During the session, target outputs of the **MaCuMBA** project that have potential industrial relevance will be presented and the practical industrial development of these outputs will be discussed with participants.

Notes for Editors

MaCuMBA is led by the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) and is a joint venture of 22 partner institutions from 11 EU countries with the common aim to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies. **MaCuMBA** aims to improve the isolation rate and growth efficiency of marine microorganisms from conventional and extreme habitats by applying innovative methods and using automated high-throughput procedures. AquaTT is the communication and dissemination partner for the project.

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