



BIOMEDEA and the Visibility of Biomedical Engineering in Europe

During the last months the officers of the European Alliance of Medical and Biological Engineering and Sciences have focussed on approaching the European policy makers concerning the cause of Biomedical Engineering. We made use of an organisation that was created to promote health related issues at the European level: Health First Europe (www.healthfirsteurope.org).

With Health First Europe we participated in an exhibition at the European Parliament promoting health care in general and innovation in particular. We also tightened our contacts with Eucomed (www.eucomed.org) the organisation that coordinates the lobbying of the European Medical Devices Industry. What we learned by all these activities is that Biomedical Engineering is hardly known as a discipline or as an educational programme.

For the visibility of Biomedical Engineering in Europe, coordination and presentation of BME education is of paramount importance. We are therefore very happy that BIOMEDEA has developed into an important instrument to put Biomedical Engineering on the map in Europe.

Please participate in the BIOMEDEA activities and come to Stuttgart for the third and certainly successful meeting on structuring Biomedical Education in Europe.

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