

EuroScience Open Forum 2004  
Highlighting Science, Technology and Innovation in Europe  
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## Call for proposals

EuroScience Open Forum 2004 (ESOF2004) is the first pan-European Meeting on the Sciences.

The main objectives of this premiere event in Europe are to:

- present science and the humanities at the cutting-edge
- stimulate scientific awareness in society
- foster a debate on science and society.

You are invited to propose a session for the EuroScience Open Forum ([www.esof2004.org](http://www.esof2004.org)).

### Deadline

All proposals will be reviewed and assessed by a group of scientists. When assessing the proposals the reviewers will pay special attention to:

- Quality of the proposed content
- International perspective
- Relevance to the objectives of the open forum
- Originality
- Degree of interactivity
- Potential to attract public/media interest

The deadline for proposal submission is September 15, 2003 at 24.00 hours. Decisions on proposals submitted on schedule will be announced in January, 2004. Proposals received after that date might be reviewed and considered at a later date in function of the remaining slots.

If your proposal is accepted ESOF 2004 will provide the venue, the overall organisation and marketing. Proposed activities must be entirely financed. ESOF 2004 assumes that you have taken or will take measures to cover all costs related to your proposal. You can not apply to EuroScience or the ESOF 2004 organisation for financial support.

### Proposal Instructions

Proposals should include **ALL** of the following:

#### I Suggested theme (optional)

- If the proposed session is intended for a particular thematic track (see proposed themes below) in the meeting, please indicate. *This is not required. Scheduling or other programmatic factors may lead to an accepted proposal being placed in a different newly formed thematic track.*

**Proposed thematic tracks:**

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| 1. Humanity and Space                | 9. Predictability and Chaos         |
| 2. Evolution of Life                 | 10. Dealing with risks              |
| 3. Human Brain                       | 11. Communicating Science           |
| 4. Mind and Behaviour                | 12. Knowledge in Society            |
| 5. Ageing: the Demographic Challenge | 13. Transformation of cultures      |
| 6. Health                            | 14. Emerging Technologies           |
| 7. Energy                            | 15. Nanoscience and nanotechnology  |
| 8. Climate and Environmental Change  | 16. Science and Ethics              |
|                                      | 17. Science and Arts                |
|                                      | 18. Science Policy Issues in Europe |

**II Title of proposed session**

- Please limit the title to no more than ten words. When preparing a title, please keep in mind that journalists and other meeting attendees may be more likely to attend a session with an interesting title.

**III Type of proposed session**

- Please describe your session: i.e. symposium, interactive discussion, Pro-and-Con debate or another stimulating format that suits your proposal.

**IV Organiser and co-organiser**

- For each include name, institution, complete mailing address, telephone, fax, and email. If any are members of a EuroScience, please indicate. Each proposal must have only ONE individual designated as the Organiser. There should not be more than one or two Co-organisers. *The Organiser receives all activity organisational correspondence.*

**V Session details**

- **Synopsis:** Provide a clear, succinct synopsis of the proposed activity of 200 to 250 words. Describe the subject of your proposed session, highlighting the relevance, the major questions and issues, controversies and where the field is headed. DO NOT list the speakers or summarise their presentations in the synopsis.
- **Target audience:** Briefly describe the intended audience for your session. Is it the scientific community at large, industry, media, policy makers, students, teachers and/or the general public? Do you expect them to be primarily general; discipline specific; or interdisciplinary? Indicate why you believe this session is of particular relevance for the aims of the open forum.
- **Proposed speakers:** Provide a list of those you either have invited or intend to. For each provide name, full address, telephone, fax, and e-mail. For each also provide a tentative presentation title and two to three sentences describing the proposed content or perspective of the expected presentation. This is crucial to the reviewers' understanding of why you propose these particular speakers. Lengthy lists of possible speakers and topics are discouraged. It is better to suggest a tentative list and a few possible alternates should one or more of your first choices decline. Finally, for each speaker please indicate if they have tentatively or definitely agreed to speak if the proposal is accepted. While recognizing that some changes will occur, the Programme Committee reserves the right to re-examine proposals where the final list of speakers results in a focus for the activity that differs substantially from that initially proposed.

**VI Scheduling**

- **Time requested (1.5 - 3 hours):** You MUST indicate the amount of time requested for this activity. In general, the committee expects a 90-minute session to include two to three speakers. A three-hour symposium should include five, but not more than six speakers. The final 15 minutes of 90 minute sessions and 30 minutes of 3-hour symposia is reserved for discussion. All 3-hour symposia will pause for a 20 min break after the first 90 minutes. The Programme Committee reserves the right to accept proposals but alter the time allotted.

## VII Additional information

- **Special needs and remarks:** You can specify for instance special technical needs or other remarks regarding your proposal.

### Please pay special attention to this:

1. Be sure to provide an explanation for why each speaker fits into your activity. List only speakers. Co-authors may be included later.
2. While it is acceptable to list speakers who have not yet been contacted, please be sure that the names listed are names of persons from which you might reasonably expect a commitment to participate.
3. Please be aware that ESOF 2004 does not provide funding for speakers and that participants attend the meeting at their own expense, or on funding secured by the symposium organiser. On our website we will provide information about other possible funding sources, if and when such sources exist.
4. Note that the committee and reviewers are from diverse disciplines and may not be familiar with all of your speakers by name. Thus, some explanation is always helpful.
5. Once a symposium is accepted the organiser functions as the liaison to the Meetings Office on behalf of the activity.

*Incomplete proposals will not be considered.*

## Proposal Submission

Submit your proposal on the website: [www.esof2004.org](http://www.esof2004.org)

If you are not able to use the online submission form, you can download the form and send it on a diskette (specify OS and word processor software) or by e-mail.

*We will not accept paper proposals or proposals in handwriting.*

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