Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our 1st EURAXESS ASEAN quarterly newsletter. This month we interview Dr Anne-Marie Glynn, Head of Global Activities at EMBO who discusses some of the funding and fellowship opportunities available to researchers in ASEAN.

In our In Focus section, we provide an overview of the research and innovation landscape in Spain including a list of research opportunities.

One of the biggest events in the ASEAN-EU research calendar will kick off next month in Hanoi, Vietnam. The 3rd edition of the ASEAN-EU STI Days will bring together more than 300 researchers, policy-makers, and companies from both ASEAN and the EU for three days of scientific workshops, policy discussions, as well as an exhibition and brokerage event. Registration is open.

As part of the ASEAN-EU STI Days, we will organise a full day workshop on European funding and fellowship programs open to researchers in ASEAN.

Behind the scenes we are working hard to prepare for the launch of the new EURAXESS portal which we are very excited about. It will allow researchers to fully customize the way in which they access the wealth of information we offer on international research careers and European funding opportunities.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, and welcome your feedback.

Your EURAXESS Links ASEAN team
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1 Briefings

Promoting Excellence in the life Sciences: EMBO

Interview with Dr Anne-Marie Glynn, EMBO, Head of Global Activities

EMBO is an organization of more than 1700 leading researchers that promotes excellence in the life sciences. The major goals of the organization are to support talented researchers at all stages of their careers, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and help build a research environment in Europe and beyond where scientists can achieve their best work.

EMBO helps young scientists to advance their research, promote their international reputations and ensure their mobility. Courses, workshops, conferences and scientific journals disseminate the latest research and offer training in techniques to maintain high standards of excellence in research practice. EMBO helps to shape science and research policy by seeking input and feedback from our community and by following closely the trends in science.

The European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC) is an intergovernmental organization comprising 27 Member States and two Associate Member States, India and Singapore. EMBC promotes a strong transnational approach to the life sciences. Within the EMBC, Member States pool their resources to improve the quality of research at a national level and to contribute to the advancement of basic research in Europe.

Dr Glynn, what does EMBO have to offer researchers outside Europe, namely in Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brazil, China, India, the United States and Canada, all countries where EURAXESS Links is active?

EMBO has a variety of activities to encourage collaboration between life scientists worldwide: some of these activities are open to researchers regardless of where they are based, while others are restricted to EMBC Member States.

EMBO has several programmes that aim to increase interactions with researchers in EMBC Members States. Although EMBO Courses & Workshops are primarily held in EMBC Member States, scientists from all over the world
attend EMBO Courses & Workshops and anyone can invite EMBO Members and EMBO Young Investigators to present their research at an international conference. Irrespective of the country where the researcher is working, there is the possibility for researchers to apply to EMBO for a postdoctoral fellowship to continue their research career in an EMBC Member State, and researchers from EMBC Member States can continue their postdoctoral research in a laboratory situated anywhere in the world, provided that it is in a different country to where they did their PhD. Equally, researchers of any nationality within 10 years of having received their PhD are welcome to apply for an EMBO Short-term Fellowship to strengthen exchange with an EMBC Member State laboratory.

Life science researchers working in Singapore, Taiwan and in India have also the possibility to join the EMBO Young Investigator Programme and to host EMBO Courses & Workshops locally. Similar to applicants from EMBC Member States, researchers from other countries will need to succeed in a competitive selection process, which looks at the quality of the application as the sole selection criterion.

So far EMBO has signed partnership agreements with Singapore and India. What does this mean to researchers in Singapore and India? Does the nationality matter or is it where the researcher is based at the time of applying to one of your programmes that counts?

EMBO selects on competitive excellence, without consideration of nationality. Singapore and India have entered into associate membership agreements with EMBC and EMBO, laying the foundation for life scientists in the two countries to join the community of EMBO activities and networks. EMBO is delighted with this expansion of the global reach of our activities, and we are looking forward to fostering the careers of life scientists working in India and Singapore, and to increase the bi-directional exchange and collaboration between researchers working in the EMBC Member States and these new EMBC Associate Member States.

Can researchers from countries that are not EMBC Associate Member States participate in EMBO programs? If so, how?

EMBO has several programmes that aim to increase interactions with researchers in EMBC Members States. Scientists from all over the world participate in EMBO Courses & Workshops and anyone can invite EMBO Members and EMBO Young Investigators to present their research at an international conference. Irrespective of the country where the researcher is working, there is the possibility for researchers to apply to EMBO for a postdoctoral fellowship to continue their research career in an EMBC Member State. Equally researchers of any nationality within 10 years of having received their PhD are welcome to apply for an EMBO Short-term Fellowship to strengthen exchange with an EMBC Member State laboratory. Young investigators intending
to establish their own research group in selected countries – currently Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Portugal, and Turkey – can apply for EMBO Installation Grants.

What if a researcher is not a member of EMBO? Do you offer different funding opportunities to EMBO members and non-members? How does one become a member?

EMBO Members are nominated and elected by the community of 1,700 eminent life science researchers who comprise the EMBO membership. EMBO Membership is a recognition of research excellence and the outstanding achievements made by a life scientist. Annual nominations and elections ensure that the membership remains at the forefront of life science research. EMBO Membership is not required to apply for EMBO programmes and activities, most of which are designed to support younger scientists on their way towards becoming experienced researchers.

In 2015, Singapore became an EMBC Associate Member State. What does this mean for the research community in Singapore?

Life science researchers working in Singapore have access to the complete range of EMBO programmes and activities aimed at supporting talented researchers and stimulating scientific exchange between European and Singaporean laboratories. For example, scientists working in Singapore (irrespective of their nationality) are eligible to apply for the EMBO Long- and Short-term Fellowships, to apply to host EMBO Courses and Workshops in Singapore, and to join the EMBO Young Investigator Programme. Already there are a number of EMBO Young Investigators based in Singapore. It is also possible to invite EMBO Members and EMBO Young Investigators to present their research either in local institutes or at international conferences. Similar to applicants from EMBC Member States, researchers from Singapore will need to succeed in a competitive selection process, which looks at the quality of the application as the sole selection criterion.

How is EMBO hoping to further develop the relationship with Singapore and the wider ASEAN region?

In the short-term it is expected that the frequency of EMBO Courses & Workshops in ASEAN will increase, as will the bi-directional exchange of researchers. Our mid-term goal is to set up an Asian EMBO Young Investigator network, which

In 2015, two A*STAR scientists won the 2015 EMBO Young Investigator Award. Read more here.
mirrors the successful model of the existing EMBO Young Investigator network. This network enables young investigator to intensely exchange with their peers during this critical phase of their careers. Establishing a similar network in the ASEAN region would be a tremendous achievement.

It is not long that we have celebrated the International Women’s Day (8th March). Are there any specific EMBO actions / programmes to increase the participation of women in life sciences? Which ones?

EMBO is committed to gender balance in our activities. All of our committees and EMBO Council have a good gender balance; the same applies to the invited speakers and participants at the scientific meetings that EMBO funds. EMBO has implemented a number of family friendly criteria (e.g. parental leave, crèche support and family allowances) for our fellowships as well as eligibility extensions for scientists who have children and have taken paternal leave. Childcare is available at a subset of the EMBO funded meetings. EMBO also runs leadership courses for researchers, including a course focused on Female Leaders in Science.

EMBO has recently published a white paper exploring the use of quotas to increase the number of females in senior positions in academia. Previously, EMBO has investigated whether gender bias impacted the success rate of applicants to the EMBO Fellowships Programme.

Together with FEBS, EMBO acknowledges outstanding life science research performed by women through the Women in Science Award, which this year was awarded to Fiona Watt, Director of the Centre for Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine at King’s College London, UK.

Thank you Anne-Marie!

Anne-Marie Glynn is Manager of the EMBO Courses & Workshops Programme and Head of EMBO Global Activities. Originally from Ireland, she holds a PhD in Molecular Biology jointly awarded by the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Germany, and the University of Dundee, UK. In addition to promoting scientific and management training and the dissemination of results, Anne-Marie is actively involved in establishing interactions between researchers in Europe and beyond, particularly in Asia.
**2 IN FOCUS**

EURAXESS Member Spain

EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion is an initiative of the European Research Area (ERA) that addresses barriers to the mobility of researchers and seeks to enhance their career development. This pan-European effort is currently supported by 41 countries, of which we will profile one in each of our quarterly EURAXESS Links ASEAN e-newsletters. In this edition, we will zoom in on Spain.

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**FOSTERING R&D TO TACKLE GLOBAL SOCIETAL CHALLENGES: OVERVIEW**

The Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy (2013-2020) framework structures and coordinates the national and regional policies. The strategy aims to co-ordinate the Research, Development and Innovation policies.

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1 Sources: INE ([www.ine.es](http://www.ine.es)) and ICONO ([www.icono.fecyt.es](http://www.icono.fecyt.es)) and Embassy of Spain Singapore ([www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/singapur](http://www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/singapur))
of the Spanish national and regional bodies with the European Union, to define a stable framework that allows a structured funding plan, to foster the accountability of the administrative bodies, and to incorporate the gender perspective in the public policies.

The objectives of the Strategy are:

1. To acknowledge the talent of human resources working on RDI and to foster their career development and mobility;
2. To foster excellence in RDI and business leadership;
3. To foster RDI activities to face global societal challenges.

- Spain boasts 82 universities and 537 research institutes.
- Over 20% of doctoral students at Spanish universities are international students.
- In 2014, Spanish institutions ranked 10th globally with 77,013 research-related publications (including articles, conference proceedings and reviews). In terms of excellence (share of highly cited publications (top 10%)), energy and veterinary were the top research areas in Spain.
- International collaboration of Spanish institutions keeps growing every year: almost 45% of Spanish research documents in 2014 were co-authored with a foreign institution.
- In 2014, the total number of European patents originating in Spain was 467.
- Spain is a very active participant in European research projects. To date, 9% of H2020 funding is allocated to Spanish institutions. Areas of particular importance for Spanish participation include Energy, NMBP (Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing) and the SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) instrument.
Opportunities for ASEAN-based researchers

The “Severo Ochoa Centres of Excellence” programme for independent research centres and the “Maria de Maeztu Units of Excellence” programme for smaller unit recognizes institutions from all areas of knowledge that perform cutting-edge research at global standards. The awarded centers and units show outstanding international scientific leadership and are open to international collaborations. The evaluation committees involved in the selection process are all foreign highly reputed researchers, including Nobel laureates.

Spain boasts a number of so-called “Unique Scientific and technological infrastructures (ICTS)” composed by facilities of different scientific areas ranging from the life sciences to astrophysics or engineering, distributed throughout the Spanish territory and areas and devoted to cutting edge and the highest quality research and technological development.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Spain offers a wide array of opportunities for international researchers to conduct research in Spain or with Spanish partners. For the full list of opportunities available at regional, national and European level, please visit the EURAXESS ASEAN website here.

H2020 RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Spain hosts more than 300 European Research Council (ERC) grants in more than 50 Host Institutions and is also very attractive for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) fellows. At present, through 2014 and 2015 MSCA calls, more than 220 experienced researchers are carrying out their research in Spanish Institutions, which ranks Spain among the 4 top EU countries hosting MSCA and ETRC grant recipients.
SPANISH STATE RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RAMÓN Y CAJAL CONTRACTS

Recipients: National and foreign post-doctoral researchers with an outstanding research career.

Description: These 5 year grants co-fund the recruitment of PhDs at public and private research centres. The aim is to promote the integration of national and foreign researchers with outstanding career records as well as their stabilisation in Spain. “Ramón y Cajal” contracts incorporate three types of funding: (1) grants for recruitment; (2) grants for covering of expenses directly related to the performing of the research activities and (3) grants for the subsequent creation of a permanent post at the end of the initial funding period (maximum five years). The grants of up to €33,720 per year are allocated to co-funding the researcher’s salary and the employer’s social security contributions. Institutions will receive an additional allocation of €40,000 per researcher recruited to cover research expenses. Lastly, institutions which at the end of the “Ramón y Cajal” contract period offer a permanent contract to the grantees will receive a grant totalling €100,000

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JUAN DE LA CIERVA –INCORPORATION

Recipients: National and foreign post-doctoral researchers

Description: These 2 year grants address young PhDs who have completed their post-doctoral education and meet the scientific criteria requested and have proven scientific leadership. The grants of up to €29,000 per year are allocated to the co-funding the researcher’s salary and the employer’s social security contributions. Institutions will receive an additional allocation of €6,000 per researcher recruited to cover research expenses.

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JUAN DE LA CIERVA TRAINING

Recipients Foreign and national early stage researchers who wish to get post-doctoral training in a university or research centre different to the one where their PhD was obtained.

Description: The grants of up to €25,000 per year, are allocated to co-funding the researcher’s salary and employer’s social security contributions.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION IN ASEAN

The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology - CDTI -, Spain's National Innovation Agency, is a public entity currently under the Secretariat of State for Research, Development and Innovation, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Government of Spain.

CDTI is tasked with the promotion of business RDI so as to raise Spanish companies' technological level by funding their R&D projects, both at national and international level. CDTI is the Spanish public agency engaged in financing industry-driven R&D projects (industrial research, experimental development) developed by Spanish companies, and in promoting Spanish technologies in foreign markets via innovation and technology adaptation projects.

Based on the paradigm of open innovation, CDTI manages the participation of Spain in HORIZON 2020 and other multilateral programmes that promote industrial R&D cooperation such as EUREKA, IBEROEKA and EUROSTARS. Similarly, CDTI has entered into agreements with several R&D funding agencies in Asia and developed Industrial R&D funding programmes with countries including Japan (NEDO), China (TORCH), and India (DST-GITA, DBT, MNRE, TDB) aimed at promoting and financing industry-driven and market-oriented R&D projects/collaborations between entities from Spain and from the respective countries. CDTI manages the programme for international projects with certification unilateral for funding R&D industrial projects with other countries including China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan.

Further information and advice

Spain belongs to the EURAXESS initiative that provides support to researchers and their families when arriving to the country (in key issues such as visas, housing, schooling, etc.). The Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) is the national coordinator and the Spanish network and there are almost 100 services and local centres ready to support incoming researchers. All information can be found at [www.euraxess.es/eng](http://www.euraxess.es/eng)
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How to apply to funding schemes, by Dr Claire McNulty

Funding for international collaborations

Collaborating internationally, or spending some time on a research visit abroad, can be very beneficial to a researcher’s career. As well as the added impact and reach that internationally authored articles garner, a period spent abroad can give researchers access to expertise, facilities, and research environments that significantly broaden their experience and networks and, particularly for early career researchers, support their career development. A recent report commissioned by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills showed not only that a large percentage (72%) of UK researchers had been internationally mobile over the period 1996-2012, but also that internationally mobile researchers are relatively more productive.

There are a wide variety of funding sources for international collaboration – a good place to start looking is the Euraxess website (www.euraxess.org.uk), which has a searchable funding database for international opportunities – but once you have identified a potential source of funding, how should you go about writing the ideal application? One scheme which the British Council has recently launched, in partnership with research councils and funders in many countries all over the world, is the Researcher Links initiative, which focuses on providing opportunities for researchers to make links via workshops and travel grants. This can provide a potential springboard for future collaborations, and below are a few tips for researchers wanting to apply for funding under this, or similar schemes:

Read the guidelines carefully!

It sounds simple, but it’s surprising how many people don’t seem to do this. Read all the guidance notes before starting your application and if there are eligibility criteria, make sure that you meet these, or you will be wasting your time in applying. If there are priority research areas, consider whether your work can fit into these, or how you could adapt it if possible by making new interdisciplinary connections. Under Researcher Links we often encourage interdisciplinary connections, but these need to be for a real added value, not just as a box-ticking exercise.
If something is not clear – then ask for advice.

Unfortunately, it’s also true that sometimes guidelines are unclear or have a degree of ambiguity. This could be because the various eventualities, or different interpretations, have not been considered by the authors of the guidelines, or there could be a deliberate flexibility built in. In either case it is best to ask for guidance directly from the funder and in many cases there will be an email address, or contact number which you can get in touch with to answer any questions. For Researcher Links we have a dedicated email address for enquiries of this nature, and we want to ensure the highest possible number of quality applications.

Understand the motivation of the funder, and design your project and write your proposal accordingly.

Sometimes schemes which look similar from the outside may have different end goals and desired outcomes. For instance, one travel grant scheme may be focussed on enhancing the excellence of UK researchers through access to the best facilities or field study opportunities overseas, whilst another may be focussed on building up relationships for longer term collaborations, and mutual benefit for both the UK and the partner country. The Researcher Links initiative is firmly in the latter arena, and so when thinking about applying for a travel grant you should design a project with this in mind, and emphasise the mutual benefit and capacity building aspects of your research visit. Research visits which are just about field work and do not bring any benefit to the partner country, or lead to longer term relationships, are unlikely to be funded. For the workshops strand, where the applications must come jointly from senior researchers (one UK; one partner country), it is important to understand that the goal of the workshops is not simply about sharing research with other senior researchers, or indeed about a standard research seminar with a one way flow of information from senior to junior researchers. Rather, the focus should be on capacity building of early career researchers, and providing a space for them to share their research, build their skills for working internationally, and establish links for the future.

Make sure the objectives of your proposals are realistic and feasible.

Very often funders receive project proposal that are excellent in terms of the research quality but that stand no chance of being funded simply because they are overambitious and not commensurate to the grant offered. It is important to keep an eye on the longer term plans, but at the same time it is essential to think about feasible and realistic objectives that can be achieved within the requested budget and the lifetime of the grant. This does mean that only proposals with an appropriate budget and achievable goals are likely to be funded. For example, you might want to request funds for a preparatory project/activity that will lead to
a larger and more ambitious project. Competition for funding high, and funders want to make sure that their money is spent well!

**Think about the lay reader and the bigger picture.**

Often researchers become so absorbed in their own area that they forget to think about or articulate the bigger picture. If a section in a proposal asks for a lay-person’s summary, try to ensure that this really is understandable to someone outside of research (you could try it out on a friend or family member…). These summaries need to get across the idea that your research is important, whether it is about pure ‘discovery’ science, which pushes the boundaries of human knowledge, or more applied research which has the potential for societal or economic benefit down the line. There’s no need for hyperbole, or making wild claims about solving world hunger as an outcome of a three month research visit, but a simple explanation of how your research project will advance knowledge or create impact is often essential. For Researcher Links, in many countries we have priority areas which have been identified by our partner countries as important for their development, and a concrete explanation of how your work fits within these priority areas and will support the development of the partner country will greatly enhance your chance of success.

**Think about the long term plan.**

Most funders want to see the benefits last beyond the lifetime of the project. Particularly for things like travel grants and workshops, which happen over a short period, it is important to think about the longer term plan, and how you will ensure the sustainability of any links or collaborations that have been catalysed by the funded activity. For the Researcher Links travel grants we are looking for proposals which demonstrate that the applicants have investigated the potential ‘next steps’ in a collaboration; this could be through identifying potential sources of funding to bid for longer term collaborations, or embedding links within an institutional strategy for example. We want our funding to be the ‘first rung on the ladder’, and to know that you have thought about how to make the next steps.

**Dissemination of results is important!**

This is always true, also when funders do not explicitly request a dissemination plan. It is important to demonstrate that a wider group of people will benefit from the results of your project. Think about how you can maximise the impact of your research, how your project can trigger further activities carried out by others and how you can reach out to the people and organisations the results of your projects may be interesting and relevant to. Funders want to make sure that they generate benefits beyond the duration and the direct beneficiaries of the project.
Don't get discouraged if you are unsuccessful!

The success rates for different schemes vary enormously, but don't get discouraged if you don't get selected. If possible ask for feedback, as this could help you improve your next submission to the same or similar schemes.

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4 In Case You Missed IT...

3rd EU-ASEAN STI Days To Be Held in Vietnam this May

The ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Days 2016 (STI Days) will be organised in Hanoi, Vietnam from 10-12 May, 2016. The STI Days will bring together more than 300 researchers, scientists, science policy-makers, innovative companies, and other stakeholders from ASEAN and EU countries for a yearly three-day conference on science, technology, and innovation issues and bi-regional co-operation.

This year’s edition of the event will focus on presenting academic/industry collaborations in and between ASEAN and the EU in the context of common key societal challenges. Scientific workshops and expert roundtables will focus on such topics as infectious diseases; the water, food, energy nexus; metrology; and the ASEAN Economic Community and innovation.

The STI Days are an ideal occasion for networking and exchange of ideas in thematic areas like Health, Environment, Water, Food Security & Safety or Innovation. A Brokerage Event connected to the previously mentioned topics, field visits to major research and innovation organisations in and around Hanoi as well as a paper and poster competition make the programme even more attractive.

The 5 Minute Interview:
Christoph Elineau

The project behind the 3rd STI Days is called SEA-EU-NET II. This is the second project that has been set up to expand scientific collaboration between Europe and Southeast Asia (SEA) in a more strategic and coherent manner. The four-year long project was launched in October 2012 and involves 21 institutions from the two regions. EURAXESS ASEAN interviewed Dr Elineau who is part of the
Christoph, please tell us about the EU-funded SEA-EU-NET II project and its objectives.

SEA-EU-NET II ([https://sea-eu.net](https://sea-eu.net)) is a project funded under FP7 with the broad, strategic mandate of supporting international science and technology cooperation between Europe and Southeast Asia. It is the successor to the SEA-EU-NET project, which ran from 2008-2012, and builds upon the foundations laid during the project’s first instantiation. Specifically, SEA-EU-NET II has the main objectives of: strengthening bilateral dialogue between the two regions at the senior policy maker level; fostering exchange between academia and industry in Europe and Southeast Asia via the platform of an annual science, technology and innovation conference; and tackling societal challenges in the specific fields of health, food security and safety, and water management in both world areas. The project is comprised of a consortium of 21 different partners and is coordinated by the Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Center (DLR-PT).

What would you point to as being some of the most notable achievements or greatest successes of the project?

The biggest successes have definitely been the annual ASEAN-EU STI Days, and a multilateral call for mobility projects aimed at supporting collaboration between European and Southeast Asian scientists on research related to health, food security and safety, and water. The call attracted a lot of quality proposals from researchers in both regions. Additionally, SEA-EU-NET has also been successful in promoting and supporting thematically-oriented research through a series of fellowships which have been launched, including one in 2015 to support ASEAN-based researchers in the application for ERC grants; another for Ph.D. students to participate a summer school on metrology, and one this year for antimicrobial resistance research.

How can researchers in ASEAN benefit from this bi-regional project?

In many ways! As I just mentioned, one way researchers in ASEAN can benefit from SEA-EU-NET II is through the annual ASEAN-EU STI Days. Currently, we are in the process of planning the third edition of the event, which is scheduled to take place from 10-12 May 2016 in Hanoi, Vietnam. As an annual event, its focus is on providing a forum for researchers, scientists, science policy makers and other relevant stakeholders to interact and engage in exchange on new findings, research and topic related to science, technology and innovation. ASEAN-located researchers can also benefit through the various funding opportunities initiated and supported by the project.
The ASEAN-EU STI Days are the annual flagship event of the project and the 3rd edition will take place in May 10-12 in Hanoi, Vietnam. What can participants look forward to?

Well, as in past years, there will be a number of sessions and workshops on offer over the three days for attendees to take part in. On slight difference, however, will be that this year, the STI Days will have a stronger focus on academic-industry collaboration than previous editions. The workshops are quite diverse and concentrate on topics ranging from innovation in ASEAN to how to apply for funding for one’s research. Also, there will be an exhibition component, where conference participants can speak with representatives from a variety of European research organizations to get a better idea of opportunities and issues which may be of interest to them. Besides this, attendees will also have the chance to take part in a brokerage lunch, as a way to network one-on-one with like-minded individuals in their fields. Generally speaking, there will be a lot going on! One of the best ways to find out more is to check out the event website (www.stidays.net) and sign-up to attend. Registration is free of charge, and the event is open to all!

Thanks Christoph!

Christoph Elineau was born in Ulm, Germany, on September 29, 1975. He studied Urban and Regional Planning at the Technical University of Berlin, Germany, and earned his Diploma in 2003 in the same field from Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland. Prior to DLR, he previously worked as a consultant for OECD. In 2004, Mr. Elineau joined the International Bureau at DLR as a Senior Scientific Officer. He was the managing coordinator of the SEA-EU-NET project (2008-2012) and is the overall project coordinator for the SEA-EU-NET II project (2012-2017). Since 2014, he has led the group on “internationalisation strategy” at DLR for the Germany Federal Ministry for Research and Education.
EURAXESS Links ASEAN to Host Mobility Workshops in Hanoi and Bangkok

As part of the STI Days 2016, EURAXESS Links ASEAN will organize full-day workshops entitled “Advancing your Research Career in Europe: Funding and Fellowship Opportunities for Researchers in Southeast Asia” in Hanoi, Vietnam on 11 May 2016 and in Bangkok, Thailand on 13 May 2016. Both events are free of charge and open to researchers of all disciplines and all nationalities interested in exploring research mobility opportunities in Europe.

Each workshop invites participants to meet representatives of leading European research and funding agencies to find out about the researcher mobility programmes and research collaboration opportunities available to the research community in ASEAN. Participants will also have the opportunity to talk to fellow researchers who have already benefited from these programmes, and to gain practical tips from them on how to be successful in their application.

Please register early to secure your seat.

EURAXESS ASEAN Mobility Workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam

Venue: Meliá Hotel, Hanoi

Date & Time: Wednesday, 11 May 2016, 8.30am – 5.00pm

Registration: To register please sign up as a participant in the STI Days 2016. During registration you will be prompted to sign up for workshops. Please make sure you register for all 3 sessions (Part I, II, III) of the EURAXESS Workshop held on 11 May.

To register please click here.

Deadline is 11 April 2016.

EURAXESS ASEAN Mobility Workshop, Bangkok, Thailand

Venue: Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit, Bangkok

Date & Time: Friday, 13 May 2016, 8.30am – 5.00pm

Registration: To register please click here.

Deadline is 29 April 2016.
## EURAXESS Links ASEAN

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