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The following information about upcoming conferences is presented below. All these events are open to all interested researchers.

PLANETARY DEFENCE CONFERENCE

The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) will hold its first conference on protecting our planet from impacts by asteroids and comets from **27 to 30 April 2009** in Granada, Spain.

The conference will bring together international experts to discuss:

- Detecting and tracking asteroids and comets that might be hazardous to our planet,
- Characteristics of these objects,
- Deflecting a threatening object should one be detected,
- The nature of impact disasters, and
- Political, legal and policy issues that must be considered as part of an overall mitigation strategy.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.congrex.nl/09c04/>.

CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EU AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Science and Technology Options Assessment Committee (STOA) of the European Parliament and the French Institute of Scientific Research for Development (IRD) are jointly hosting a conference on **4 March 2009** in Brussels, Belgium.

The conference will centre on the question of the role of cooperation between the EU and developing countries in the field of science and technology and the socio-economic development of developing countries.

Science, technology and innovation play a crucial role in achieving sustainable development and fighting poverty. This conference aims to analyse the EU's partnerships with developing countries and to see how these partnerships could be further advanced.

For more information about this conference, please visit http://cordis.europa.eu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.document&EV_LANG=EN&EV_RCN=30462.

CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE STRATEGIES FOR THE EUROPEAN INNOVATION ECONOMY

A conference on knowledge strategies for the European innovation economy will be held on **30 and 31 March 2009** in Helsinki, Finland.

The conference is the final event of the first phase of the VISION European Research Area Network (ERA-Net), and is organised jointly by Ministry of Employment and the Economy and Tekes – Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation.

The conference brings together a selected group of policy makers from European and other countries, from the European Commission, as well as the leading scholars on innovation. The conference focuses on the latest trends in government sponsored research and foresight on innovation, and discusses strategies to mobilize knowledge into workable public policies

For further information, please visit: <http://www.visioneranet.org/events/>.

HEALTHCARE BIOTECH FORUM

The Healthcare Biotech Forum is scheduled for **30 and 31 March 2009** in Rome, Italy.

The event will include presentations from pharmaceutical companies discussing their needs and challenges. Presentations from small and medium enterprises (SMEs) will also be featured; researchers will have the chance to showcase their businesses and technologies and receive feedback from expert reviewers.

The forum will be hosted in association with the Italian Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) and is supported by the European Commission.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/p200292/overview.asp>.

CONFERENCE ON COMPUTING IN HIGH ENERGY AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS

The 17th international Conference on Computing in High Energy and Nuclear Physics (CHEP'09) will take place from **21 to 27 March 2009** in Prague, Czech Republic.

Computing in High Energy and Nuclear Physics (CHEP) is a major series of international conferences for physicists and computing professionals from the worldwide High Energy and Nuclear Physics community, Computer Science, and Information Technology. CHEP'09 is designed to provide an international forum to exchange information on computing experience and needs for the High Energy and Nuclear Physics community, and to review recent, ongoing, and future activities.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.particle.cz/conferences/chep2009/>.

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