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## Upcoming Events

### International conference: Living in Technoscientific Worlds

**Date and venue:** 3-5 December 2015, Vienna, Austria

**Organizers:** Science and Technology Studies Vienna, Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, Institute of Technology Assessment, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universität Wien, EASST, Austrian Institute of Technology

**Topic(s):** As scientific knowledge and technological innovations have become key drivers of change in contemporary societies, the questions of STS are becoming highly relevant: How do we engage with broader issues of inclusion and exclusion associated with technoscientific innovations? How are societal values expressed through – and simultaneously stabilized by – these innovations? What counts as a legitimate setting from which to make knowledge claims in democratic societies? How do our critical methods of investigation translate into methods of intervention? The conference invites to reflect these questions and what it means to live in technoscientific worlds today.

**More information:** <http://sts.univie.ac.at/en/events/living-in-technoscientific-worlds/>

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### Workshop on Synthetic Biology

**Date and venue:** 10 December 2015, Luxembourg

**Organizers:** European Commission & Luxembourg Ministry of Health

**Topic(s):** The workshop, organised by the European Commission and the Luxembourg Ministry of Health under the auspices of the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council, will focus on the opinions on Synthetic Biology provided by the Commission's Scientific Committees, but also on ongoing activities in the EU and on applications and implications of the emerging field. A panel discussion will engage the audience in analysing synthetic biology, 'from science to policy and societal challenges'.

The target group for the workshop are Commission services and agencies, EU Member States, scientists and relevant stakeholders.

**More information:** [http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/events/ev\\_20151210\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/events/ev_20151210_en.htm)





## Volkswagen Foundation Kick-off Conference: Life? – A New Funding Initiative Introduces Itself

**Date and venue:** 17-18 December 2015, Hannover, Germany

**Organizers:** Volkswagen Foundation

**Topic(s):** An interdisciplinary exchange on the fascinating question "What is life?". The foundation will also present the concept of the funding initiative and will answer all questions of applicants. Like the initiative, the conference addresses researchers from the natural and life sciences. International speakers from biochemistry, biophysics, molecular systems and synthetic biology will give an insight to the most recent and interesting approaches of their field tackling the principles of life. Opportunities for poster presentations and travel grants (junior scholars) exist.

**More information:** [The conference website](#)



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## Conference: RRI in Europe and across the World – Shaping new horizons

**Date and venue:** 14-15 January 2016, Brussels

**Organizers:** European Economic and Social Committee

**Topic(s):** The conference, to be held in Brussels, will focus on presentations of key results of the projects GREAT, Res-AGorA, ProGReSS, and Responsibility (Go4 projects) and on fostering communication among researchers, policy-makers and a broad range of stakeholders.



**More information:** <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-responsible-research-innovation>



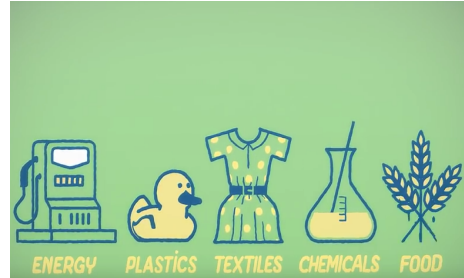
## BEU2016 - Fourth Bioeconomy Stakeholder conference in Utrecht

**Date and venue:** 12-23 April 2016, Utrecht, The Netherlands

**Organizers:** under the auspices of the Dutch EU Presidency, co-organised by the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs and the European Commission

**Topic(s):** The conference serves as an important input to the future orientation of the European Bioeconomy Strategy, which will be reviewed and evaluated in 2016 by the Commission. The organisers hope to develop a 'Stakeholders' Manifesto for the Bioeconomy in Europe', based on the results of previous high-level events such as the [SCAR Foresight Conference](#), the [Bioeconomy Investment Summit](#) and the [Global Bioeconomy Summit](#).

**More information:** More information will follow in the next months on <http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy/index.cfm?pg=home>



## (Re)Engineering Biology: The Emerging Engineering Paradigm in Biomedical Engineering, Systems Biology, and Synthetic Biology

**Date and venue:** 15-16 April 2016, Pittsburg, United States

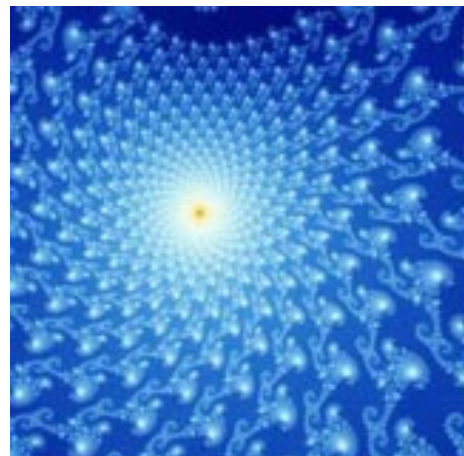
**Organizers:** [Center for Philosophy of Science](#)

**Topic(s):** The focus of this workshop is especially on engineering practices and epistemological perspectives and how they differ from what is usually associated with established biological approaches. It covers fields such as integrative systems biology, biomedical engineering, and synthetic biology.

Keynote Speakers include

- [Tarja Knuuttila](#) (Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina)
- [Eberhard Voit](#) (Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University)
- [William Wimsatt](#) (Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota)

**More information:** More information is available at the [conference website](#).





## 'Himmelfahrtstagung' on 'New Frontiers for Biotech-Processes'

**Date and venue:** 2-4 May 2016, Koblenz, Germany

**Organizers:** [DECHEMA](#)

**Topic(s):** During the recent years a bunch of new biological routes towards highly attractive products were discovered. At the same time significant improvements were achieved for already established processes to increase their competitiveness on the markets. The aim of the "Himmelfahrtstagung" 2016 is to discuss the transfer of these approaches from a proof-of principle status to the real biotech production world. The following topics will be in the center of discussion: the use of microbial or mammalian producers harboring newly engineered pathways, the application of biocatalysts in novel reaction systems and the integration of modern technologies in upstream processes and for downstream processing, process control or advanced data analysis.



**More information:** <http://www.dechema.de/BioTec16.html>

## ECSITE Annual Conference 2016 - Colours of Cooperation

**Date and venue:** 9-11 June 2016, Graz, Austria

**Topic(s):** This conference invites you to look at the diversity and nuances of cooperation and at the colouring they show when seen through various filters. With whom do we cooperate, how do we choose these partners, why do we cooperate and what do we invest and gain? Cooperation requires respectful relationships, negotiating expectations and roles, agreeing on compromises. It is often a time-consuming and laborious effort, yet it yields benefits that an individual actor could not have achieved on its own and may lead to unexpected results and learnings



**More information:** <http://www.ecsite.eu/annual-conference>

## SYNENERGENE Forum

**Date and venue:** 24-25 June 2016, Nemo Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Organizers:** SYNENERGENE

**Topic(s):** The SYN-ENERGENE Forum will be a large and highly visible public event at the end of year 3 in which all the partners involved in SYN-ENERGENE will have the chance to present and discuss their actions and experiences in a conference with workshops, public panel discussions, art-science exhibits and other forms of public involvement. It will further increase the impact of SYN-ENERGENE by providing opportunities for new forms of exchange and interactions with stakeholders and publics who have not been in contact with the project before. All partners will support the aims of the SYN-ENERGENE Forum by preparing own contributions to the programme, carrying them out and help documenting and analysing their results.



## Science and Technology by Other Means

**Date and venue:** 31 August - 3 September 2016, Barcelona, Spain

**Organizers:** EASST and 4S

**Topic(s):** The conference will focus on the ways in which science and technology are increasingly performed 'by other means', like for example DIY, citizen science or commons-based p2p projects. The deadline for abstract submissions is **21 February 2016**. The calls and further information will be published on the conference website.



**More information:** <http://www.sts2016bcn.org/>

## Int. Conference Science & Democracy - Controversies and Conflicts

**Date and venue:** 26-28 October 2016, Pisa, Italy

**Organizers:** International Association for the Study of Controversies



**Topic(s):** The conference will focus on the relationship between science and democracy and on possible conflicts within the scientific community and between scientific and democratic valuations. Among the invited





speakers are Steve Fuller (Warwick), Silvio Oscar Funtowicz (Bergen), Luca Maria Scarantino (Milan), Mariachiara Tallachini (Piacenza). To participate in the programme of the conference, abstracts can be submitted before 1 August 2016.

**More information:** <http://iasc.me/2016-conference/>