

Miscellaneous

New COST Action BM0704

Friedrich briefly outlined the new European Action COST BM0704 starting under the heading „Emerging EMF Technologies and Health Risk Management“. The action, in the proposal of which the FGF had participated, was approved in November 2007 with a duration of four years and is financed by the European Union. Though there will be no research funds allocated in the framework of the action, it will gain an enormous degree of awareness by the organisation of scientific workshops with participants from almost all European countries (currently already 25 nations are members of it) and therefore constitutes a valuable platform for scientific discourse.

Presentation by Prof. Bernard Veyret

Prof. Bernard Veyret from the University of Bordeaux, as a representative of the European Action EMF-NET, gave an overview of current research projects in Europe and their financial basis. For this purpose, the action EMF-NET has developed a data base that is based on the evaluation of questionnaires. In this data base, there were considered current projects and such that were completed in the year 2004 or later. On average, according to Prof. Veyret; a budget of 200,000 Euro is available for a research project, while most projects cannot be financed to a cost-covering extent.

At large, Prof. Veyret - in spite of emerging new technologies - saw a trend towards a reduction of research projects in the field of EMF (with some exceptions, e.g., in Great Britain). In the discussion following the lecture, a categorisation of the role of the FGF became apparent as an information and communication platform in the research scenery outlined by Prof. Veyret, the further development and establishment of which will also in the year 2008 form an important part of the work of the FGF.

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femu Research Report 2007

The annual report of the Research Center for Electromagnetic Environmental Compatibility (femu) in Aachen informs about the activities and projects of the working group in the past year. The report contains information about structure, contents, development and usage of the EMF portal.

Download of the 93 pages report from:

<http://www.femu.rwth-aachen.de>

Brochures/ Infomaterial

- **Bayern wide action „mobile radio and schools“**

In the framework of this action schools can apply for material and so called SAR measurement head for measurements of the exposure to radiation of handheld phones without any charge for teaching purposes. Participation of this landing is only possible for schools from those if one teacher has participate in one of the information seminar of the LfU. The date of the further education courses in the field of mobile telephony and schools or mobile radio and schools can be found on the website of the action. Proposal for further venues can be proposed to the Bavarian Environment Agency (LfU).

<http://www.mobilfunkundschule.bayern.de>

- **Teaching material for the issue of mobile radio**

The information center for mobile radio (Informationszentrum Mobilfunk - IZMF) will present in Stuttgart the newly developed „mobile phone license“ for primary school children in six lesson units to the basic rules and risks of usage of handheld phones which can be acquired. The free of charge lessons material should support teacher of primary schools in teaching the pupils abilities in the secured handling of the mobile radio equipment. Additional the IZMF has given material to help the teachers in preparing and realisation of information of parent-teacher conferences around the issue of mobile telephony.

<http://www.izmf.de/html/de/57899.html>

und <http://www.schulprojekt-mobilfunk.de/>

Workshops

- **International Workshop of ICNIRP/WHO/BfS to leukemia of children.**

The international workshop brings experts from different disciplines together to debate about the present state of the art with all well-known risk factors and to discuss a

recently publishes hypotheses for etiology of childrens leukemia. The workshop will be take place from the 5th to 7th May 2008 in Berlin. Further information:

<http://www.icnirp.org/WChildhoodLeukemia.htm>

- **IMBA-FGF Workshop: Omics for Assessing unclear Risks**

The workshop deals with the question which relevance new biological analysed methods like genomics, transcriptomics or proteomics have for the risk assessment especially for the cancer causing characteristics of particular materials. Aim of the workshop which takes place from the 26th to 28th May 2008 in Berlin is to bring researchers of all disciplines and areas together to dispute the problem of the impact of electromagnetic fields. Further details can be found on the FGF website:

<http://www.fgf.de/mehr.php?id=161>

- **6. NIR Workshop of ICNIRP in Brasilia**

The 6th NIR workshop of ICNIRP to non-ionizing radiation takes place on 16th to 18th of Oktober 2008 in Brasilia. Aim of the workshop is to have a summing up overview to actual state of research and how precaution should be handeled. The workshop announcement is on the ICNIRP website:

<http://www.icnirp.de/>

Reports from the FGF Workshops

Two international workshops of the FGF with the title „Genotoxic effects electromagnetic fields – Lessons from contradictorily results“ (Mai 2007, Oberschleißheim, Germany) and „Possible influence of EMF to sleep, EEG and cognitive function“ (November 2007, Stuttgart, Germany) the rap- porteurs reports are available. The detailed summaries drawn by Sheila Johnston, PhD, Consultant, Ireland, are present on the website of the FGF to download:

<http://www.fgf.de/forschungsprojekte/workshops.html>

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