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Season's Greetings



**EPNOE wishes its Business and Industry Club Members
and the 400 subscribers to its newsletter a very good,
enjoyable, successful and healthy 2009 year.**

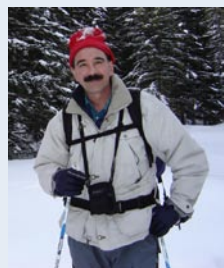
Dear colleagues, Dear friends,

The year 2008 is coming to its end with wonderful achievements for EPNOE, owing to the work and commitment of its sixteen academic and research institute members and to the support of many companies:

- **More than 70 PhD students** are working in the EPNOE sphere on topics related to polysaccharides, engaged in very good and innovative research activities.
- **More than 60 scientific papers** were published by EPNOE researchers, stressing the excellence of EPNOE research.
- **Two large European R&D projects** have been accepted, Surfucell with a budget of 8M euros, coordinated by the university of Graz, and STEP, 4.3M euros, a Marie Curie network coordinated by Dornbirn (university of Innsbruck).
- **One European Education Intensive Program on Renewable Bioresources** (coordinated by the university of Graz) has been accepted, offering to students the opportunity to have courses at the highest international level.
- **A first EPNOE-scientific society meeting** took place in New-Orleans last March, co-organised with the American Chemical Society. Three more similar meetings are planned for 2009 (Polymer Processing Society in India, Bamboo Society in China and EU-Japan meeting in Hamburg).
- **So far, 20 companies have already joined the Business and Industry Club** (Ahlstrom; Akzo Nobel; Biopolymer Solutions Ltd; Biority; Cargill; CSK Food Enrichment; Danone, Dow Wolff Cellulosics; Predilnica Litija, SE Tylose; Sika Technology; Schneider Electric; Smartfiber AG, Spontex; Tembec; Unilever; UPM Kymmene; L'Oréal; Lenzing; Viskase).

We are looking forward to an even better 2009 year for EPNOE, offering the polysaccharide community our experience, enthusiasm and commitment for developing this very important scientific, technological and economical field.

With all my warmest wishes for 2009 to you, your family and all the people you love.



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