

FP7 Opportunities & Strategy Up Date on the Latest Developments

Cambridge 4 July 2006

- 09.00 – 09.30** **Registration and coffee**
- 09.30 – 09.40** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 09.40 – 10.10** **Overview of FP7** Background to FP7, overall structure, budgets, and roadmap
John Stringer
- 10.10 - 10.40** **The Co-operation Programme** Information which is currently available on the Work Programmes for the 9 Themes of Collaborative Research. Update on the Co-ordination of national research programmes and International Co-operation.
Simon Walker
- 10.40 – 11.10** **The role of Technology Platforms and Joint Technology Initiatives** Review of the Commission's latest policy documents and examples of some of the Platforms already established. Importance of the Platforms in FP7 and how they can contribute to an organisation's R&D strategy.
John Stringer
- 11.10 – 11.25** **Coffee Break**
- 11.25 – 12.05** **Ideas and People Programmes** An update of the Commission's proposals with respect to investigator-driven "frontier research" and the role of the European Research Council as well as latest information on the Marie Curie actions
Simon Walker
- 12.05 – 12.35** **Capacities Programme** Opportunities for Research Infrastructures, SMEs in FP7, the Regional aspects and Science and Society.
John Stringer
- 12.35 – 13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30 - 14.00** **Open discussion** Reactions to the programme, views of stakeholders, comparison to FP6
- 14.00 – 14.40** **Building a strategy** to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the proposed new Programme. Why it is important to start developing an effective FP7 strategy for your organisation early on.
Simon Walker
- 14.40 – 15.00** **Break**
- 15.00 - 15.40** **The management of the Programme by the Commission** This will cover the Commission's plans to simplify both the management of the Programme and its implementation. What these plans will mean for participants.
John Stringer
- 15.40 – 16.20** **Next steps and how to keep informed and updated** The essential documents, emerging issues, debates
Simon Walker
- 16.20- 16.30** **Concluding remarks and close of the seminar**

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Cambridge, UK
4 July 2006

Walker Associates, Cambridge, in collaboration with Berkley Associates, Brussels, is holding a one day update course on FP7.

The Commission's proposals for FP7 were published in April 2005 and have created a lively debate and huge interest amongst the research community. This workshop is timed to take advantage of early information on the FP7 workprogrammes which is expected to be released by the Commission for consultation at the end of June 2006.

With a proposed budget of 54 billion euro, FP7 will clearly present exciting opportunities for the research community. However, the lessons learnt from FP6, have clearly indicated the importance of getting informed early on and building an effective strategy towards the new programme as soon as possible, otherwise the opportunities may be lost.

The briefing will be led by Simon Walker an experienced R&D funding professional and John Stringer, a UK Barrister. Both presenters have extensive experience in providing practical advice and training courses on FP6.

Venue: Madingley Hall, Cambridge. Full details will be sent after your registration.

Fees: GBP290 (including materials, sit down lunch and refreshments, excluding VAT which has to be charged for all delegates). **Numbers are strictly limited, so you are encouraged to book early**

Registration: Please complete the form attached.

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