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Frontiers:
a 'nano-network' with European wide impact

The European nanotechnology network Frontiers (www.frontiers-eu.org) will gather in Toulouse (France) on May 9-11 for its third research meeting to stimulate and discuss the integration of science amongst its members. Researchers will determine future directions in this exciting new field of science. New international initiatives and collaborations will be launched.

The Frontiers network of excellence was created by the European Commission in 2004 with the intention to establish leadership in life sciences related nanotechnology through integration of strengths, facilities and investments in Europe. Eleven renowned nanotechnology institutes take part in Frontiers with more than 200 researchers. *"It's an impressive line up of top-quality partners. They are definitely bringing together top organisations in Europe in nanotechnology research"* said Otilia Saxl, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Nanotechnology.

The recent creation of a unique *Virtual Laboratory* within the network now enables the participating researchers to share specialized (nano) tools and instrumentation on a daily basis. A joint curriculum allows students from the institutes to follow part of their program abroad. The network also supports researchers in commercialization of new technologies and in communicating their findings with the general public.

Frontiers aims at overall European integration of bionanotechnology. This is a multidisciplinary field of science and it will have a profound impact on health care and life science applications.

Professor Christian Joachim of the nanoscience group at the CEMES-institute in Toulouse will host this event with Europe's leading scientists. Visitors from Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, U.K. and other countries will be attending the meeting.

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