

Future plans of FAO/ESCORENA European Cooperative Research Network on Flax and other Bast Plants in 2010 and 2011.

Conferences and events with the involvement of the Network:

- June 7-8, 2010. Magdeburg, Germany. **16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Renewable Resources and Plant Biotechnology NAROSSA@2010**. Organizer: Dr.-Ing. Frank Pudel, PPM Pilot Pflanzenöltechnologie Magdeburg e.V., e-mail: pudel@ppm-magdeburg.de, Co-organizer: Institute of Natural Fibres & Medicinal Plants, Poznan, Poland. <http://www.ppm-magdeburg.de>.
- October 3 – 6, 2010, Dubrovnik, Croatia. **ITC&DC, 5th International Textile, Clothing & Design Conference - Magic World of Textiles**. President of Scientific and Programme Committee: Ivo Soljačić, Croatia. President of the Organisation Committee: Prof. Dr. Zvonko Dragčević, University of Zagreb. E-mail: zvonko.dragcevic@tff.hr, <http://itcdc.tff.hr> Conference under patronage of ESCORENA.
- August 11-13, 2010, Austin, Texas, USA. **International Symposium on Renewable Feedstock for Biofuel and Biobased Products- The Role of Non-Food Fiber crops: Kenaf, Jute, Hemp, Flax, and Allied**. Organized by CCG International Inc., Co-organizers: School of Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin. Supporter: Center for Biorefining, University of Minnesota. Contact: Aimin Liu, e-mail: liuxx063@umn.edu, <http://ccgconsultinginc.com/Documents/2010%20SymposiumAd.pdf>
- November 29– December 3, 2010. Havana, Cuba. **FIBRATEC 2010 - VI Symposium on Natural Fibers: Full Use and Applications**. A part of the 15th Scientific Convention on Engineering and Architecture, President of Organizing Committee at CETER CUJAE: Dr. Tania Carbonell Morales, Havana, E-mail: taniac@ceter.cujae.cu. President of honour: Prof. Dr. Ryszard Kozłowski, Institute of Natural Fibres & Medicinal Plants. <http://www.cciacuba.com/index.php?module=general13> Conference under patronage of ESCORENA
- 22 - 27 May, 2011. Pretoria, South Africa. 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Frontiers of Polymers and Advanced Materials – 11<sup>th</sup> ICFPAM.

**Future endeavours:** Efforts towards creation of the e.g. European Platform for Natural Fibres or co-operate with another technology platforms, Developing the activities within ESCORENA system and ESCORENA Focal Point at INF&MP, Continue of the activities connected with the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009 (proclaimed by UN and FAO) e.g. through active involvement in the actions of the IYNF Steering Committee within the: DNFI - „Discover Natural Fibres Initiative”, Searching for projects - to support financially the Network activities.