

# Patents in Biotechnology

## Perspectives from Society and Industry

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### Abstract

The goal of this symposium is to present varying perspectives on the topic of bio-patenting to foster a greater understanding for young scientists of this important aspect of the biotechnology industry, one which is generally not covered in the core of scientific study. This symposium will bring together experts from the private sector, policy makers, legal representatives, as well as members of the media to present their views on this topic and its importance. Questions such as “What is patentable in biotechnology?” and “What role do bio-patents play in the establishment of the bio-based economy?” will be addressed. This discourse is intended to encourage awareness for young scientists and scientific professionals of the possible opportunities or disadvantages of bio-patenting in the life sciences. It is the goal of this symposium to stimulate a constructive discussion on responsible regulations to promote sustainable development of the bio-based-economy.

### Schedule

09:00	Registration & Coffee	12:45	<b>Pieter van Boheemen</b> Amplino Den Haag, Netherlands
09:30	Welcome address	13:30	<b>Sascha Karberg</b> Freelance Science Journalist Berlin
09:35	<b>Dr. Martin Grund</b> Grund Intellectual Property Group Munich	14:15	Coffee break
10:20	<b>PD Dr. Stefan Pelzer</b> Evonik Industries AG Halle	14:45	<b>Panel discussion</b>
11:05	<b>René Röspel</b> Member of German Parliament Berlin	15:30	Concluding Remarks
11:50	Lunch		Moderated by <b>Prof. Dr. Olaf Kruse</b>

### Registration & Contact

Please register at  
<https://www.cebitec.uni-bielefeld.de/cgi-bin/clib-2013.cgi>  
by 24<sup>th</sup> February. The number of participants is limited.



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