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Subject: *Science without Borders* programme: opportunities for further collaboration with Brazil

Dear Colleague

Please find attached a leaflet publicising the Brazilian scholarship programme *Science without Borders* which we are bringing to your attention at the request of the Brazilian authorities in order to promote, or enhance, co-operation between higher education institutions in Europe and Brazil.

Science without Borders aims to provide mobility opportunities between Brazil and Europe, in both directions, for undergraduates, postgraduates, postdoctoral and senior research fellows particularly in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Comprehensive information is available via the website:

<http://www.cienciasemfronteiras.gov.br/web/csf-eng/home>

The programme aims to:

- (a) increase the presence of Brazilian students, scientists and industry personnel in international institutions of excellence;
- (b) attract young investigators and internationally recognized research leaders to Brazil to work with local researchers in joint projects; and
- (c) encourage the internationalization of universities and research centres in Brazil through international partnerships.

There are a number of ways to get involved.

Hosting Brazilian undergraduates and postgraduates

Following the signing of an initial round of bilateral agreements, there are current hosting opportunities in France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom and more information can be found via the respective partner organisations in these countries (Campus France, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), Università di Bologna, Universities UK). An agreement has also been signed with the Coimbra Group of Universities with a

view to start hosting for the academic year 2012¹. Other bilateral negotiations are currently ongoing and the situation is expected to evolve during 2012.

Applying for a research grant to work in Brazil

Young post-doctoral researchers can apply under the "Attraction of Talented Youth" (Atração de Jovens Talentos) programme. Applicants working abroad (outside Brazil) who have excelled in their scientific or technological career are eligible to receive funding and resources to perform a two to three year-long research project in Brazil. The host research group would also receive funds, in the form of a bench fee. The programme anticipates the availability of at least 100 scholarships for young researchers per year. The call deadlines in 2012 are 15 February, 4 June, and 1 October and more information can be found at the following address:

<http://www.cienciasemfronteiras.gov.br/web/csf-eng/opportunities-for-individuals-from-abroad>

Visiting researcher grants are available which foresee the possibility for internationally recognized science leaders to perform joint projects with research groups in Brazil and to work in Brazil for up to three months every year during two to three years. The grant will include the support for living expenses during the period the researcher spends in Brazil and also funding for the local laboratory. The 2012 call deadlines are harmonised with the post-doctoral grants (15 February, 4 June, and 1 October). The application form, funding and evaluation modalities for these "Special Visiting Researcher" (Pesquisador Visitante Especial) grants are available (in Portuguese) at:

<http://www.cienciasemfronteiras.cnpq.br/documents/214072/c5c082c1-0bc2-4d18-92b4-78a1031137db>

I would be grateful if you could distribute this information as widely as possible.


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Annex: *Science without Borders* leaflet

¹ Current European partner organisations for hosting Brazilian undergraduates

France: www.campusfrance.org/en/news/brazil%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%9Cscience-without-borders%E2%80%9D-programme

Germany: <http://www.daad.de/stipendien/en/index.en.html?land=48>

Italy: <http://cienciasemfronteiras.unibo.it/en/the-program-italy>

United Kingdom: http://international.ac.uk/news/science_without_borders.cfm

Coimbra Group: <http://www.coimbra-group.eu/index.php?page=news>