**Opening Future and Emerging Technologies Research to Young Scientists**

Helping young researchers venture into and conquer frontier ICT research

Compared with their American counterparts, young European scientists have somewhat fewer career and research opportunities. While the European Research Council's starting grants support up-and-coming researchers about to establish or consolidate their independent research teams, no dedicated initiative exists at the European level to support young researchers wanting to lead collaborative research projects in future ICT. This session will investigate the challenges and opportunities experienced by young researchers in Europe when carrying out multi-disciplinary research at the frontiers of ICT. It will bring together young scientists to identify more clearly the needs and potential mechanisms that could enhance their involvement in cutting-edge, joint ICT research. A strategy for young researcher participation would inject new blood into the sector and help ensure Europe's future competitiveness.

*Salle Rhône 5, 26/11/2008 (14:00-15:30)*

**Speakers**

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Patrice has been working with the Future and Emerging Technologies Advisory Group.
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Fabio is a young researcher with experience from European FET research.
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*Claudio Guidi*
Claudio is a young researcher with experience from European FET research.
He is a Post Doc in the Dept. of Computer Science, University of Bologna, Italy

*Markus Aspelmeyer*
Markus is a young researcher with experience from European FET research.
He is Senior Researcher at the Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information, Austria

*Tine Ejdrup*
Tine is a member of the European Council of doctoral candidates and young researchers.
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Rikard is Vice President of the Swedish Association of University Teachers, Researchers and Doctoral Candidates.
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**Discussion**

Hosted by Patrice Wegener after the presentations.