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For Your Information

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Dear Colleagues,

The annual FEBS Congress is approaching, and we are indeed looking forward to meeting a lot of you in Istanbul. If you have not yet uploaded your abstract or registered for the Congress, there is still time: The deadline for late abstract submission is May 14, 2006 and the deadline for late registration is June 15, 2006. Read more on the Congress website, www.FEBS2006.org.

A hot topic these days are the aspects of Open Access. In this issue of FEBS News, the debater of the month is Félix M. Goñi, Chairman of FEBS Publication Committee. Read his view on the topic on p. 12. Talking about publications; this issue also contains news from both FEBS Journal and FEBS Letters, including the announcement of the winners of this years FEBS Letters and FEBS Journal Prize (pp. 5-7).

Several FEBS courses are coming up — read about them at pp. 8-11. And finally, if you are looking for a post doc, then you might take a look at p. 14.

Kind regards,

Camilla

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- Next issue will be out on **June 12, 2006**. Deadline for entries (all types) is **June 30, 2006**.



the Message Board

"TIP OF THE MONTH"

"I would like to recommend the link of the The Human Genome Resources <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/guide/human/> This site contains integrated, one-stop, genomic information infrastructure for biomedical researchers from around the world"

Jan Olsson, Sweden

What is **your** favourite e-source of knowledge? Send us the link to the website that you find most useful as a scientist, include a few words on why you find it particularly useful, and you might win a 128 MB memory stick to store your e-data on!

Read more in the forum "FEBS e-newsletter" at **FEBS** Bulletin Board, <http://www.febs.org/FebsBB/>

Deadline for sending candidate links to the November/December draw is **June 30, 2006**. The winning links and their endorsers will be presented in the May issue of FEBS news.



Scientific Council of the European Research Council

Press Statement, 28 April 2006

The ERC Scientific Council communicates its launch strategy and calls for applications for the position of ERC Secretary General

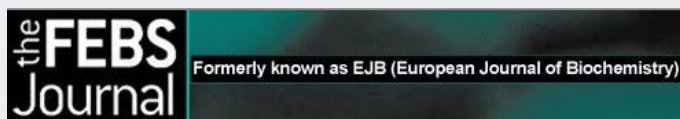
The Scientific Council of the European Research Council (ERC) has today published its outline strategy for the launch of the ERC and provided details of how talented starting young researchers will receive funding in its start-up phase. Two strategy notes are published on the new Scientific Council website launched today which is designed to provide early and effective communication with the scientific community. The Scientific Council also started the recruitment process for the Secretary General of the European Research Council by launching an open call for candidates today.

The 22-member Scientific Council gathered for its third meeting in Vienna on 26 and 27 April. As part of an extensive debate on the overall scientific strategy for the ERC at the start of its operations in early 2007, the Scientific Council confirmed that priority will be given to supporting independent careers of excellent researchers from all over Europe and approved two strategy notes, on the launch of the ERC and on the ERC Starting Independent Research Grant. Prof. Fotis Kafatos, Chairman of the Scientific Council, said: "we are releasing these strategy notes today to give a clear indication of our thinking at an early stage, enabling the research community better to prepare for the launch of the ERC". The outline strategy for the launch of the ERC states that two funding streams, operating on a 'bottom up' basis across all research fields, will be the core of the ERC's operations for the full duration of the 7th Framework Programme. The Scientific Council also published an open call for the position of Secretary General of the European Research Council with a deadline for applications and nominations on 31 May 2006.

Candidates must be senior persons with a recognised scientific profile and proven experience in science policy, and an acknowledged successful leadership record in scientific funding organisations. Both applications by candidates themselves and nominations by others are invited. The two strategy notes are available on the newly-launched website of the ERC Scientific Council at <http://erc.europa.eu> along with the call for the recruitment of the Secretary General of the ERC.



News from the FEBS Journal



Dear Fellow Scientists,

2005 FEBS Journal Prize for Younger Scientists – Winner

The Editors of the journal are pleased to announce the winner of the *FEBS Journal* Prize 2005. The prize of €10,000 is intended for a graduate student or young postdoctoral research worker (no more than 3 years from the award of the PhD Degree) who is the first author of a paper judged to be the best published in *FEBS Journal* during the calendar year.

The prize for 2005 is awarded to Dr Nicole LaRonde-LeBlanc of the Macromolecular Crystallography Laboratory, National Cancer Institute, NCI-Frederick, MD, USA for her paper:

Structure and activity of the atypical serine kinase Rio1

Nicole LaRonde-LeBlanc, Tad Guszczynski, Terry Copeland and Alexander Wlodawer
FEBS Journal (2005) **272**, 3698-3713

Nicole LaRonde-LeBlanc will give a short presentation of the work and receive the prize at the forthcoming FEBS Congress in Istanbul in June.

Further details about the prize can be found on the journal website (<http://www.febsjournal.org>). The prize is being continued this year for papers published in *FEBS Journal* during 2006.

FEBS Congress in Istanbul, June 2006

The 31st FEBS Congress will be held in Istanbul from 24-29 June 2006. The *FEBS Letters* and *FEBS Journal* Prize Ceremony and Reception for Young Scientists will be held on Monday 26 June at 17:00 h. Come and join us for complimentary drinks and canapés, congratulate the winners of the *FEBS Letters* and *FEBS Journal* Prizes, and learn more about FEBS publications.

Reviews

Reviews recently published in *FEBS Journal*:

Pentose phosphates in nucleoside interconversion and catabolism by M. Grazia Tozzi, M. Camici, L. Mascia, F. Sgarrella and P. L. Ipata (Vol. 273/6)

Protein misfolding diseases and chaperone-based therapeutic approaches by T. K. Chaudhuri and S. Paul (Vol. 273/7)

Metallothioneins are multipurpose neuroprotectants during brain pathology by M. Penkowa (Vol. 273/9)

Biology of mast cell tryptase: an inflammatory mediator by J. Hallgren and G. Pejler (Vol. 273/9)

In need of repair: preserving the genome. A minireview series coordinated and introduced by Byong-Seok Choi was published in *FEBS Journal* issue 273/8. It comprises:

The protein shuffle: sequential interactions among components of the human nucleotide excision repair pathway by C.-J. Park and B.-S. Choi

DNA mismatch repair system: classical and fresh roles by S.-H. Jun, T. Kim and C. Ban

Roles of base excision repair sub-pathways in correcting oxidized abasic sites in DNA by J.-S. Sung and B Demple

Dual role of Nbs1 in the ATM-dependent DNA damage response by J. Hyeon Lee and D.-S. Lim

You can read reviews online and download them free of charge from the time of publication. All reviews published in *EJB* in recent years and *FEBS Journal* can be accessed free of charge on the *FEBS Journal* online websites: the Blackwell Publishing service Synergy (<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/>) and the Highwire platform (<http://content.febsjournal.org> and <http://highwire.stanford.edu/>). These sites are easily reached by hotlinks from the *FEBS Journal* website (<http://www.febsjournal.org>)

Forthcoming reviews

The mitochondrial permeability transition from in vitro artifact to disease target by P. Bernardi, A. Krauskopf, E. Basso, V. Petronilli, E. B. Dyson, F. Di Lisa and M. A. Forte





News from the FEBS Journal *continued...*

Meeting reports

We remind you that reports of meetings are welcome in the journal. A report should give a proper introduction to the field, what the hot topics are, what the major advances appeared to be, and some critical summing up of the field on the part of the author of the report. Thus, it should resemble a review, but be centred on a meeting. All topics in the general area of the molecular life sciences are welcome. Prospective au-

thors should consult the Reviews Editor (Ferdinand Hucho) or the Editor-in-Chief (Richard Perham).

With best regards

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News from FEBS Letters



Dear Fellow Scientist,

We are delighted to announce the winner of the 4th Annual *FEBS Letters* Award for Young Scientists. The Award Committee met on April 1st at the Centre of Molecular Medicine in Vienna. Following an intense discussion, Dr. Theresia Stradal of the German Research Centre for Biotechnology in Braunschweig was chosen as the winner for her outstanding paper entitled: PREL1 provides a link from Ras signalling to the actin cytoskeleton via Ena/VASP proteins. *FEBS Letters* 579, 455-463.

Theresia's lab studies how protein complexes mediate actin assembly at the cell periphery. Actin assembly is required for cell motility and Theresia is very interested in finding out in molecular detail all of the steps involved in cell motility. Part of this difficult question was answered in the work described in her award winning *FEBS Letters* paper. Ena/VASP proteins are known to be regulators of cell migration, however the mechanism of this regulation is unknown. Theresia and coworkers identified and characterized a novel protein (PREL1), which binds directly to both Ena/VASP proteins and activated Ras. They also showed that the subcellular targeting of PREL1 to lamellipodia and focal adhesions correlated with high Ras-GTP levels. Their data provide the first direct link between Ras signalling and cytoskeletal modelling via Ena/VASP proteins during cell migration and spreading. The Award Committee consisted of Gunnar von Hei-

jne (Stockholm), Chair, Peter Brzezinski (Stockholm), Ulrike Kutay (Zurich), Judit Ovadi (Budapest), and

Giulio Superti-Furga (Vienna). We thank them for carefully evaluating all eligible manuscripts and a very lively discussion during the meeting.

At the FEBS Congress in Istanbul, you can find out more about the young scientist award and other exciting developments at *FEBS Letters*. Dr. Stradal will give a short talk outlining her research and will be presented with her award at the FEBS Reception for Young Scientists which will take place during the FEBS Congress. The reception will be held on Sunday 26th June at 17.00. The *FEBS Letters* Editorial Office staff will be at the FEBS Reception for Young Scientists and we hope that you will join us for free drinks and canapés. We look forward to seeing you there!

Look out for the Istanbul Special Issue (edited by Horst Feldmann) in your congress welcome pack! This issue contains contributions from many of the conference speakers, including Joan Massague who will present the Datta Lecture entitled: The Logic of TGF-beta signalling. There is also a special feature on the *FEBS Letters* Award winner "Featuring...Theresia Stradal".

We look forward to meeting you in Istanbul!

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the **FEBS**
Journal

FEBS
Letters

Annual Awards for Young Scientists

FEBS, through its publications, would like to acknowledge the research contributions of young scientists by awarding two yearly prizes of €10 000

The *FEBS Journal Prize* is awarded to the first author of the best paper published, who is a graduate student or young post-doc*

The *FEBS Letters Award* is given to the corresponding author of the most outstanding research letter published, aged 40 years or younger



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Upcoming FEBS Courses



FEBS ADVANCED COURSE



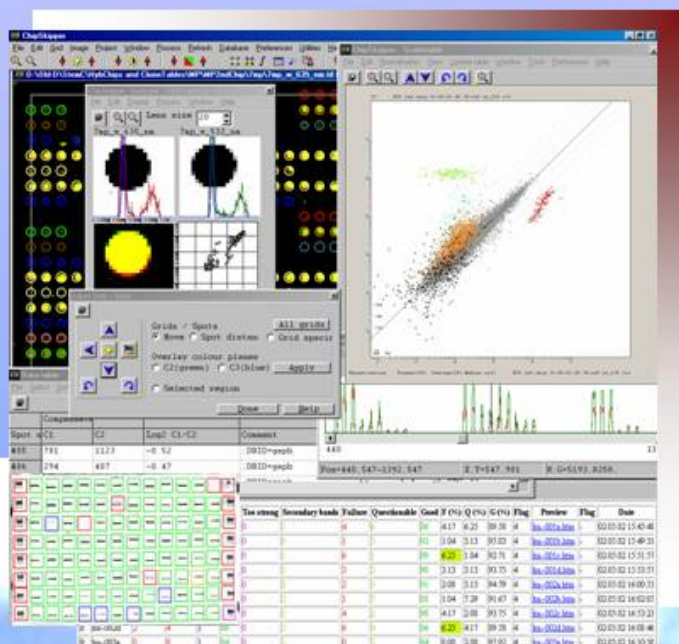
Center for Applied Genomics
Charles University and Academy of Science, Prague, Czech Republic

September 22-30, 2006

Microarray and Genosensor Techniques in Biomedical Applications

ORGANIZERS:

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TOPICS:

DNA microarrays and genosensors are versatile tools for the experimental exploration of genome structure, gene expression patterns, gene function, the biology of cells and whole organisms. Protein microarrays give promising results in proteome analysis.

The course will cover various DNA and protein microarray and genosensor platforms (Agilent, Affymetrix, Illumina and others) with relevant protocols and applications in biomedical fields, with emphasis on experimental design, data analysis, interpretation and databases.

The participants will be introduced into the technology of DNA and protein microarrays, into the manipulation and preparation of nucleic acids and protein samples and their hybridization on microarray slides, designing and conducting experiments for analysis by DNA microarrays, the detection, processing, analysis, display and interpretation of hybridization data.

The state-of-the-art in new technologies, experimental applications and interpretation of large genomic data sets will be presented.

APPLICATION:

- The application deadline is on June 15, 2006
- Graduate students and post-docs within 5 years of obtaining a PhD, who are members of a FEBS biochemical society, can apply for a FEBS YTF grant covering travel and living expenses.
- The application should contain a short CV, a statement about current research and recent publications.
- Please state in the application if you are a graduate student, the date of obtaining your PhD, and membership in a FEBS biochemical society.

More information and ON-LINE application at
<http://udmp.ifl.cuni.cz/web2/aktual/febs/index.php>



Upcoming FEBS Courses



FEBS Advanced Course

Advanced methods in macromolecular crystallization II



Academic and University Center at Nové Hradý, Czech Republic **October 06-13, 2006**

Location of the COURSE

Nové Hradý is located in the south of the Czech Republic.
The Academic and University Center (AUC) resides in a very stylish chateau, which provides many facilities such as three lecture halls, laboratories, apartments and a student dormitory.
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Main TOPICS

- ❖ Protein expression systems
- ❖ Solution properties, phase diagrams
- ❖ Protein refolding
- ❖ Protein engineering
- ❖ Protein modification for crystallization
- ❖ Exact kinetics of the hanging drop
- ❖ Conventional crystallization methods and their modifications
- ❖ Advanced crystallization techniques
- ❖ Capillaries grown crystals manipulation and direct crystallography
- ❖ Trouble shooting
- ❖ Dynamic light scattering
- ❖ Advanced light scattering methods
- ❖ Glycoprotein crystallization
- ❖ Nucleic acid crystallization
- ❖ Membrane protein crystallization
- ❖ Cryocrystallography

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Important DATES

Date of the course: **October 06-13, 2006**
 Deadline for applications: **June 15, 2006**

Primary INFORMATION

The course is intended for **undergraduate (5th year)** and **postgraduate students** and **postdocs** with an interest in macromolecular crystallization.

The **crystallization of biological macromolecules** is still poorly understood and, as a consequence, success of the common trial-and-error experiments is not predictable. On the other hand, more rational approaches have been developed in the past few years and prospects for the science of crystallogensis are in fact good. Many of the new approaches are based on an improved theoretical insight into the processes of nucleation and crystal growth.

Experience shows that a majority of students tends to rather spend many months with trial-and-error experiments than choose the more demanding approaches involving determination of phase diagrams etc. The planned course is designed to help overcome this and to bring over the message of the benefits of more rational approaches to macromolecular crystallization. To achieve this goal, **we have invited a number of prominent experts in the field as teachers and supervisors.**

The course will consist of **theoretical lectures (40%), seminars (10%) and practical work and demonstration (50%)**. For crystallization trials, typical recipes using commercial proteins will be used. In addition, students can bring their own proteins and carry out crystallization trials on these during the course.

A poster section is planned to encourage participants to present their own work.

More INFO and ON-LINE registration:

<http://www.img.cas.cz/igm/cc/>

Main SPONSOR

The **FEBS course** is funded by **Federation of European Biochemical Societies.**





Upcoming FEBS Courses

First Announcement



El Perelló, Spain
October 18-22
2006

Programming Pancreatic β -cells

A FEBS/EMBO Workshop

This workshop will provide a forum to discuss recent progress in the fields of pancreas development, regeneration, transdifferentiation, and stem-cell differentiation to β -cells. There will be a particular focus on the signalling and transcriptional mechanisms involved. Several speakers from outside the β -cell fields have been invited to enrich the discussions, with seminars and debates to place advances in this field in the context of the development of therapies for diabetes and other pancreatic diseases.

GUEST LECTURERS:

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Venue: Hotel les Oliveres near El Perell  (150 Km South of Barcelona).
Academic registration fee: 450   (travel grants available). Deadline: August 1.
Number of participants limited to 90.

For more information visit <http://www.idibaps.ub.edu/pancreasworkshop>



See the complete list of FEBS Advanced Courses,
Special Meetings, etc. in 2006 at

http://www.FEBS.org/Activities/Advanced_Courses/Advc06.htm



Upcoming FEBS Courses

EMBO CONFERENCE SERIES

Protein Transport Systems: Protein Targeting and Translocation

September 30 – October 5, 2006 | Gdansk | Poland

Speakers:

Driessen, Arnold	Neupert, Walter
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Jarvis, Paul R	Sinning, Irm
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FEBS Debate

**OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

By Félix M. Goñi

“The vast majority of scientific research is nowadays paid for by public funds. Consequently, the results of that research should be made freely and immediately available to the tax-payer”. This is the philosophy behind the movement known as “open access (OA) publication”, that supports the notion that, as soon as any research paper is accepted for publication, it should be made available for free in the internet. The idea has an obvious and substantial appeal, as well as a solid socio-political support. However, it may require some fine tuning before putting it into practice.

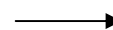
Up to now, and for more than two centuries, dissemination of scientific results has relied on their publication in learned journals, manuscript acceptance being conditioned to evaluation by anonymous referees (“peer review”). As we all know, papers are then published in journals, paid by subscription by Universities, Companies and Research Institutions. In the OA approach, the first part of the system (peer review) remains unchanged. However, in the second step (publication) a real revolution is proposed. Publication expenses are paid by the author, and not by the reader, i.e. a “page charge” would be levied to cover *all* the production costs (hence the “author pays” nickname for the OA strategy). In principle, the money that is now devoted to pay for the journal subscriptions would be used to support publication.

The advantages of the OA system are obvious for the reader. All journals, all papers would be available for free from the moment they were accepted for publication. However, from the point of view of the scientist who has to foot the publication bill, the situation is not so clear. The current estimates are that, for the average quality journal, a sum around USD 3000 would be charged per manuscript (electronic publication only). At least in the author’s laboratory that, like many others, operates under a “marginal costs” scheme (i.e. the basic salaries are paid for by the University), the publication of about ten papers per year would cost almost one-tenth of the whole research budget, and it is unlikely that our funding

agencies will decide to increase our grants by 10 % for this reason. The argument that library money is saved is rather weak because, even if journal subscriptions are no longer to be paid, librarians (and their salaries) will stay to custody and manage the acquisition and depository of books, that are not likely to disappear altogether, and the existing journal collections.

Another important point challenges the apparent fairness of the system, namely that commercial (e.g. pharmaceutical) companies that do not make public their research, but are avid readers of scientific results, would benefit from free access to other people’s information without substantially contributing to the effort. In fact the argument that “the public pays, thus the public is the owner of the results” is largely demagogic. The ordinary tax-payer is unable (apart from utterly uninterested) to access the scientific publications not because of their price, but because of their highly specialised nature.

Another commonly heard argument is that the current system denies scientists in poor countries access to the scientific literature. This is true, but the same can be said of chemicals and labware. Propounders of OA often show an ill-disguised opposition to the idea of publishers making money out of scientific publication, but again the same could be said of the suppliers of scientific instrumentation, or of laboratory reagents. Indeed FEBS, like many other learned societies, makes money out of its journals, *FEBS Letters* and *FEBS Journal*. This money is then used, as all FEBS members know, in grants, courses, and similar activities, thus achieving a real redistribution of (modest) wealth. The OA system would simply mean the end of FEBS grants and FEBS courses, and the same would be true of the activities supported by many other scientific societies.





FEBS Debate *Continued..*

Naturally, there is a middle point between selling journals by subscription and giving them for free. The intermediate solution is one that is *already* being offered by many learned societies, including FEBS, through their journals. Published papers are accessible after payment for a one-year period after publication, after that they can be accessed electronically free of charge. This has been going on for several years now, to the apparent satisfaction of both publishers and scientists. The author's strong opinion is that FEBS should support the current system, i.e. payment by journal subscription, and free release after one year. This constitutes a fairly open access to the literature and allows many European scientists to benefit from important educational opportunities. Equally important, the "middle-of-the-way" system gives FEBS an important reason to be very mindful of the scientific quality of its journals.

Continuous insistence on the OA issue in its extreme form, regardless of the damages caused to important agents in the scientific system, is unfortunately perceived

in a small, yet vociferous, sector of the scientific community. There is a word for this relentless, unidimensional way of thinking. We call it fundamentalism. And we don't like it.

By Félix M. Goñi, Chairman, FEBS Publications Committee, CSIC and University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain

We encourage you to share your view on the issue raised by this month debater — join the debate in the "OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES" forum at FEBS Bulletin Board, <http://www.febs.org/FebsBB>.

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Opportunities

POST DOC POSITIONS OFFERED

NEW YORK, USA

Mechanisms of Alcohol-Induced Liver Disease.

Two Postdoctoral Positions are available to work evaluating *Mechanisms of Alcohol-Induced Liver Disease* using a Systems Biology Approach. Individuals applying must hold a Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Pharmacology, Computational Chemistry, or Bioinformatics.

Application Deadline: September 1, 2006

Start Date: October 1, 2006

Please submit a one page *Curriculum Vitae* and the names of three references to:

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Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Department of Medicine
Division of Liver Diseases
New York, USA

<http://www.mssm.edu>

POST DOC POSITION OFFERED

SACLAY, FRANCE

A post-doctoral position is open at the Service de Biochimie et Génétique Moléculaire (SBGM) of the CEA (Saclay, France). The position is open immediately and will be closed when a suitable candidate is found.

The position is funded by the National Agency for Research for two years to work with Drs Werner and Gérard in the framework of the mouse regulome network. The project will localize, at a genome-wide scale, the RNA polymerase III transcription machinery in embryonic stem cells, differentiated ES cells and mouse tissues aiming at the discovery of new genes.

The successful candidates will have a strong background in molecular biology and biochemistry. Previous experience with functional genomics and/or mouse transgenesis will be an advantage.

The SBGM (<http://www-dsv.cea.fr/sbgm>) is located in Saclay, 20 km south of Paris. The laboratory benefits from a lively scientific environment and from top quality technical facilities.

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