

EMBO selects Europe's best young independent scientists

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EMBO has singled out 17 European life scientists to receive the support of its prestigious Young Investigator Programme. The annual selection round identifies some of the brightest young minds in Europe – providing academic, practical and financial support in the early years of their independent careers. The three-year programme is extremely competitive and selection is a mark of the highest scientific excellence.

The Young Investigator Programme targets researchers who have been running their first laboratories for between one to three years. Members of the programme are entitled to a range of benefits, designed to help smooth the often difficult transition between setting up independently and establishing a reputation within the scientific community. A mentorship programme, sponsorship of lectures at international meetings, an annual symposium and a laboratory management course are some of the benefits that help augment the standing of the young investigators and support new collaborations. The programme is highly competitive with a 13% success rate in the current round of selection.

Manager of the programme, Gerlind Wallon, explains, "Competition is extremely tough but it's meant to be. Carrying the young investigator title means that EMBO is convinced of the quality of your research. This is an influential recommendation. We hope the EMBO stamp of quality combined with practical support will raise the young investigators' status in the community and help them to attract new collaborations and funding."

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme has been identifying and supporting outstanding young life scientists in Europe since 2000. Currently the programme supports a network of 70 young scientists.

2005 EMBO members

NAME	RESEARCH INTRESTS	INSTITUTE
Bellaiche, Yohanns	Cell polarization in Drosophila	Institute Curie, Paris, France
Boutros, Michael	Genetics of signaling pathways	DKFZ, Heidelberg, Germany
Chin, Jason	Orthogonal Translation	MRC-LMB, Cambridge, UK
Chiti, Fabrizio	Protein structure in amyloid disease	University of Florence, Italy
Clausen, Tim	Protein quality control	IMP, Vienna, Austria
Del Pozo, Miguel A.	Integrin signaling in cell migration and growth	CNIC, Madrid, Spain
Dutzler, Raimund	Transmembrane ion transport	University of Zürich, Switzerland
Einsle, Oliver	Protein systems in Nitrogen and Iron metabolism	Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany
Kaessmann, Henrik	Evolution of the human genome	University of Lausanne, Switzerland
Köhler, Claudia	Reproductive development in plants	University of Zürich, Switzerland
Längst, Gernot	Chromatin dynamics	Adolf Butenandt Institute, Munich, Germany
Lohmann, Jan	Stem cell fate in plants	MPI, Tübingen, Germany
Oldroyd, Giles	Signaling in symbiosis	John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK
Palmer, Ruth	Receptor Tyrosine Kinase signaling pathways	Umea University, Sweden
Peeper, Daniel	Cellular protection against oncogenic transformation	NKI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Pilpel, Yitzhak	Gene expression regulation	Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
Strick, Terence	Single-molecule analysis of protein/DNA interactions	Institute Monod, Paris, France

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