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Eighteen young scientists join EMBO Young Investigator network

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) announced today the selection of 18 of Europe's most talented young researchers as the 2007 beneficiaries of its prestigious Young Investigator Programme.

Each year since 2000, the programme identifies and supports outstanding young life scientists in Europe. Recipients receive academic, practical and financial support from EMBO in the early years of their independent careers.

Selected by EMBO Members for the high standard of their research, these 18 new young investigators join a vibrant network of almost 200 scientists. The three-year programme - already with a worldwide reputation for excellence - offers a range of benefits designed to smooth the transition for young researchers setting up their first independent laboratories and developing reputations in the scientific community.

Programme participants enjoy benefits not normally available to early career scientists. Lab management and non-scientific skills training as well as PhD courses offer the young group leaders and their students the chance to develop professional skills. Networking events introduce them to recognised leaders in science like EMBO Members and other experts in their respective fields.

Raising the profile of the young investigators and helping them to attract new collaborations and funding are two main aims of the programme. "Europe's young independent scientists are often not yet sufficiently established and have to fight hard for recognition and funding," explains Gerlind Wallon, manager of the EMBO Young Investigator Programme.

"Along with the financial support, EMBO focuses on helping these young investigators develop the network and skills they need to become successful group leaders."

By supporting Europe's scientific leaders of tomorrow, the EMBO Young Investigator Programme helps to endorse and promote these young scientists as active and recognised contributors to European research.

2007 EMBO Young Investigators

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Fabrizio d'Adda di Fagagna, IT
Sandrine Etienne-Manneville, FR
Holger Gerhardt, UK
Tibor Harkany, SE
Thorsten Hoppe, DE
Thomas Hummel, DE
Carsten Janke, FR
Rene Ketting, NL
Javier Martinez, AT
Paloma Más, ES
Marco Milán, ES
Arp Schnittger, DE
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About EMBO: The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) recognises and promotes excellence in molecular life sciences in Europe. Since 1964, leading scientists have been elected annually to join their peers as members of EMBO based on proven excellence in research. Members number more than 1200 today, with 45 Nobel laureates amongst them, and a further 100 associate members worldwide. EMBO Members have the opportunity to influence the direction of European life sciences and more than half are involved in guiding the execution of the many EMBO initiatives offered to life scientists.

Leading peer-reviewed journals - *The EMBO Journal*, *EMBO reports* and *Molecular Systems Biology* - span all aspects of molecular biology and reflect how science is shaping the world. EMBO-sponsored training and networking activities impact thousands of scientists every year, promoting collaboration in all areas of molecular biology – within Europe and internationally.

EMBO is renowned for the quality and funding of these programmes and activities that include *EMBO Courses & Workshops*, *EMBO Long- and Short-term Fellowships*, the *EMBO Young Investigator Programme*, the *EMBO Science & Society Programme*, *EMBO Installation Grants* and *EMBO Women in Science*.

Annual awards, such as the *EMBO Gold Medal*, and the *EMBO Award for Communication in the Life Sciences*, recognise significant contributions of European researchers to the advancement of science.

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http://www.embo.org/about_embo/index.html