

PRESS RELEASE

EMBO Installation Grants help six scientists set up in Europe

Young group leaders awarded with three years of funding & support

Heidelberg, GERMANY, 6 December 2010 – Six life science researchers will receive the 2010 EMBO Installation Grants, assisting them to relocate and set up their research groups in the Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal and Turkey. These scientists are the fifth group of awardees since the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) introduced the scheme in 2006.

EMBO Installation Grants are awarded annually and aim to strengthen science in selected member states of the EMBC, the intergovernmental funding body of EMBO. The EMBC Member States hosting the grantees finance the grants entirely. EMBC Member States participating in the scheme include Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Portugal and Turkey.

Each scientist receives 50,000 euros annually for three to five years to help them establish their groups and themselves in the European scientific community. Grantees are integrated into the prestigious EMBO

Young Investigator programme, providing networking opportunities with some of Europe's best young group leaders and a range of career development programmes.

"We welcome these six talented researchers to the EMBO community as recipients of the 2010 EMBO Installation Grants," said Gerlind Wallon, EMBO Deputy Director and programme manager. "They represent a promising scientific future for the countries receiving them and for Europe as a whole. The secure financial backing of their host countries and the support of the EMBO community will foster their scientific and professional development."

A committee of EMBO Members selected the successful candidates for the high standard of their research. By bringing this level of scientific talent into the participating countries, EMBO hopes to improve the competitiveness of these countries in European science.

One of the six grantees will establish a research group in the Czech Republic, two in Poland, one

in Portugal and two in Turkey. Three scientists will move from positions in the US, two will move from the UK, and one from Australia. Three of them are women.

The next application deadline for EMBO Installation Grants is **15 April 2011**.

Installation Grantees 2010

Michelle **Adams**, Turkey

Cory **Dunn**, Turkey

Luísa **Figueiredo**, Portugal

Alena **Krejčí**, Czech Republic

Szymon **Swiezewski**, Poland

Tomasz **Wilanowski**, Poland



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About EMBO

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) promotes excellence in molecular life sciences in Europe by recognizing and fostering talented scientists. Since 1964, leading scientists are elected annually to become EMBO Members based on proven excellence in research. Members number almost 1500 today. Fifty-five scientists from the EMBO membership have received the Nobel Prize.

Four leading peer-reviewed journals – *The EMBO Journal*, *EMBO reports*, *Molecular Systems Biology* and *EMBO Molecular Medicine* – span a broad spectrum of topics of molecular biology and reflect how science is shaping the world.

EMBO funding, training and networking activities impact thousands of scientists every year, promoting collaboration in all areas of molecular biology – within its 27 member states, in Europe and neighbouring countries, and worldwide.

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