PRESS RELEASE

HEIDELBERG, Germany, 5 September 2011 – Helga Nowotny, President of the European Research Council, will open The EMBO Meeting 2011 this coming Saturday 10 September at the Austria Center Vienna. The annual conference is set to highlight the latest life science advances made in the laboratories of more than 120 of the world’s leading researchers.

Now in its third year, the conference attracts around 1,500 participants from Europe and worldwide to its diverse programme that covers the full range of life science subject areas. Scientific participants include principle investigators, postdoctoral researchers and students. Policy makers, editors, career advisors, journalists, science bloggers and industry representatives figure strongly among the participant list.

David Anderson, Richard Axel, Cori Bargmann, Bonnie Bassler, Jeffrey Bennetzen, Simon Boulton, Evan Eichler, Florian Engert, B. Brett Finlay, Stefan Jentsch, Susan Lindquist, Edvard Moser, May-Britt Moser, Mark Pagel, Paul Rainey, Giacomo Rizzolati, Paul Schulze-Lefert, Lucy Shapiro and Michael Stratton are some of the leading researchers at the conference who will present in keynote, plenary and special lectures. Twenty-one concurrent sessions and more than 600 posters will generate discussion around recent research results.

Meet the Press events

Journalists are invited to meet with Susan Lindquist and Giacomo Rizzolatti. Both events will be held in the Press Room (Yellow level, Suite E) on the ground floor of the Austria Center Vienna. The Press Room is reserved for journalist use from Saturday to Tuesday during conference hours. (cont.)
Meet the Press with Susan Lindquist
Lamarck was right after all
13:00 – 14:00 Sunday 11 September
Yellow level, Suite E

Meet the Press with Giacomo Rizzolatti
New ideas about the perception of other people’s actions
10:00 – 11:00 Monday 12 September
Yellow level, Suite E

To arrange interviews with any of the speakers during the four-day conference, please contact Suzanne Beveridge (T: +49 1609 0193 839) or Eva-Maria Gruber (T: +43 699 104 32 400).

Downloads

Downloads only available until 9 September, for registered participants and journalists.

Final Programme:

Abstract Book:

Recent scientific publications by conference speakers:

Opposing Effects of Glutamine and Asparagine Govern Prion Formation by Intrinsically Disordered Proteins
Susan Lindquist et al.
Molecular Cell, doi: 10.1016/j.molcel.2011.05.013

Parallel evolution of domesticated Caenorhabditis species targets pheromone receptor genes
Cori Bargmann et al.
Nature, doi: 10.1038/nature10378

Female gametophytic cell specification and seed development require the function of the putative Arabidopsis INCENP ortholog WYRD
Ueli Grossnicklaus et al.
Development 138, doi: 10.1242/dev.060384

A copy number variation morbidity map of developmental delay
Evan Eichler et al.
Nature Genetics, doi: 10.1038/ng.909

Polar actomyosin contractility destabilizes the position of the cytokinetic furrow
Ewa Paluch et al.
Nature, doi: 10.1038/nature1028
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Explore the full programme online at: [http://www.the-embo-meeting.org/programme.html](http://www.the-embo-meeting.org/programme.html)

**Media participation**
Complimentary meeting registration is available to members of the media who provide appropriate press credentials and identification via the conference registration system.

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