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EU-LIFE welcomes the Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (IMBB FORTH - Greece) as Associate Partner

July 14, 2020, Barcelona & Heraklion — The Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (IMBB FORTH), a leading research institute in Greece, has officially joined EU-LIFE as Associated Partner of EU-LIFE for a period of two years. The decision was ratified by the EU-LIFE Board of Directors and the IMBB FORTH Director and is effective as of July 1, 2020.

The EU-LIFE alliance, created in 2013, is composed of 14 leading research centres in life sciences from 14 European countries. As part of the process of expansion of the alliance, EU-LIFE is honoured to have IMBB FORTH as Associate partner with the possibility to fully share the knowledge, experience, best practices available within the EU-LIFE community. By welcoming this Greek partner, the alliance broadens its geographical spread to keep advocating for excellent research in Europe.

Welcoming the decision, Dr Ioannis Talianidis, Director of the IMBB FORTH, said: "IMBB is devoted to perform frontier research, which matches the excellence standards of leading European centres. Our association with EU-LIFE opens new avenues for collaborations with top-level research Institutes, shaping and promoting common visions and practices of performing excellence science for the benefit of our society."

The IMBB FORTH is one of the most prominent life science research institutions in Greece, with an impressive record of scientific achievements, state of the art infrastructure and a broad range of research, innovation and educational activities. The Institute was founded in 1984, with the purpose of establishing a Research Institute in Greece capable of performing internationally competitive research in the field of Molecular Biology for the understanding of basic life processes and the parallel development of biotechnology applications. This goal determines the long-standing mission of IMBB to pursue cutting-edge research and promote scientific excellence.

Historically, IMBB FORTH researchers have been very active in shaping scientific policies at both national and European level. Among the most visible examples are the contribution of the founder and first director of IMBB Fotis Kafatos in leading EMBL and shaping ERC, the participation of IMBB researchers in ERC Scientific Council and various EMBO and EU committees.

The EU-LIFE alliance unites European research institutes' forces working on excellence in the life sciences, giving high regard to quality and responsible science – such as assuring a good gender balance in science, promoting inclusive and diverse environments, career development and fair assessment of research within the European research area. The central mission of EU-LIFE is to contribute to the European research agenda with a special attention to the European Research Area and European framework programmes such as Horizon Europe, the new European framework programme for research and innovation (2021–2027), for which preparations are in full swing. EU-LIFE has been advocating for a significant increase of the R&I investment and for a key role of discovery-driven research in the programme (at least 35% of the budget) with respect to the current programme, Horizon 2020.



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About EU-LIFE

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About IMBB FORTH

The Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (IMBB FORTH), is an Institute with several thematic orientations covering a wide spectrum of fields in biomedical sciences. Placing emphasis on excellent science, IMBB researchers pursue a wide-range of research activities aiming at understanding the basic principles of the biological processes operating in living organisms. IMBB also hosts interdisciplinary research programs at the interface of biology with informatics, chemistry, physics or medicine and is heavily involved in providing post-graduate students high-level education through joint graduate programs with the University of Crete. An additional standing mandate of IMBB is the exploitation and translation of acquired knowledge to tangible societal benefits, including the development of new technologies, innovative products and services.

Figures

96 scientific articles (2019) | 32 research groups | 17 nationalities | 8 ERC grants

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