

Dear colleague,

The first quarter of 2008 rushed by for the EMBO Communications group as we prepared the *2007 EMBO/EMBC Annual Report* to go to the printer and began to plan for the Inaugural EMBO Annual Meeting in 2009. More about these items in the near future. Thanks to all EMBO Members, Fellows and Young Investigators who submitted content ideas for the next issue of *EMBOencounters* - we'll be putting the next issue together over the coming weeks. Meanwhile, we ask you to note the following news, events and deadlines:

1. Open editorial positions for EMBO publications
2. EMBO Laboratory Management Course to be held outside of Heidelberg for first time
3. Announcing the new EMBO Leadership Workshop for Senior Scientists
4. Final ELSO Meeting in Nice, France
5. 9th EMBL/EMBO Science & Society Conference
6. Important deadlines
7. Upcoming conferences

1. EMBO is seeking editors for two of our existing publications - *Molecular Systems Biology* and *EMBO reports* - as well as for the new *EMBO Molecular Medicine* with a planned launch date early in 2009. Please direct interested candidates to the announcements on the EMBO website: <http://www.embo.org/vacancy.html>

2. The successful **EMBO Laboratory Management Courses** are moving further afield. Positive feedback from previous course participants from the UK prompted the scheduling of the course from **24-27 June in Cambridge**, to be led by the same tried and trusted trainer teams who teach the courses in Heidelberg. All independent scientists are welcome to attend. On line registration is available at: http://www.embo.org/yip/lab_public.html.

3. From **8-10 July** the first-ever **EMBO Leadership Workshop for Senior Scientists** will be held in Heidelberg. The workshop programme will call on case studies from attending participants. Role-play and interactive discussions, accompanied by short theoretical input, will allow scientists to develop skills to help them arrive at workable management solutions. For more information and on-line registration, please visit: http://www.embo.org/courses_workshops/senior_leadership_workshop.html

4. If you and others in your lab have joined in the science and the fun at previous ELSO meetings since the year 2000, then you won't want to miss **ELSO 2008** from **30 August - 2 September** in **Nice**. Programme and registration information can be found at: <http://www.elseo.org/>. ELSO 2008 will be the last of the ELSO meetings but EMBO will uphold the tradition with the **Inaugural EMBO Annual Meeting** from **28 August - 1 September 2009** in **Amsterdam**.

5. The **9th EMBL/EMBO Science & Society Conference: Systems and Synthetic Biology - Scientific and Social Implications** will be held **7-8 November** at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in

Heidelberg, Germany. For more information and online registration please visit: <http://www.embl.org/sciencesociety/conference2008>.

6. Important deadlines:

- EMBO Members Workshop - Frontiers of Molecular Biology, 5-8 September in Tampere Finland - **registration closes 15**

May: http://www.embo.org/members_workshop08/index.html

- EMBO Award for Communication in the Life Sciences - **applications/nominations due by 1**

May: <http://www.embo.org/awards/communications.html>

- Funding for 2009 EMBO Courses, Workshops & Conference Series - **second round of applications due 1**

August: http://www.embo.org/courses_workshops/index.html

- EMBO Long-Term Fellowships - **second round of applications due 15**

August: http://www.embo.org/fellowships/long_term.html

7. EMBO is a partner/sponsor for the following upcoming conferences:

- **5th European Course on Biotechnology Ethics – an interactive approach** from **22-29 June 2008** in

Budapest: <http://www.biotethics.org/news/index.html>

- **20th International Congress of Genetics** from **12 to 17 July 2008** in

Berlin: <http://www.geneticsberlin2008.com/>

Thanks for your attention. As always, we welcome your ideas to improve communications between Heidelberg and the EMBO community.

Regards,
EMBO Communications