

EMBO meets Taiwan (cont.)

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→ → (continued from page 11) displayed on the NRPGM website, and in particular the availability of EMBO Fellowships – long and short-term – open to Taiwanese scientists will be advertised. It would certainly be to everybody's advantage to attract some top-level post-docs from that country to EMBO countries. The possibility of inviting European scientists as EMBO lecturers in suitable meetings or workshops held in Taiwan is now known to NRPGM, and initial steps have been taken to use this opportunity. Further in the future, organizing an EMBO workshop or lecture course in Taiwan

is perfectly conceivable; in addition, the EMBO Science & Society programme could certainly interact fruitfully with the ELSI (Ethical, Legal and Social Issues) group that operates within NRPGM – again, preliminary steps have been taken. Before I conclude, let me point out that scientific interactions with Taiwan are not only fruitful because of the good level of local laboratories, but also extremely enjoyable because of the warm hospitality received in this very dynamic, easy going yet highly exotic island.

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Scientists wanted in Warm Spring Harbor!

Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences in Split, Croatia

The website of the newly-founded Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences (MedILS) provides detailed instructions on how to get to its "wonderful, yet hidden location." And *Bojan Žagrović*, awarded an EMBO Installation Grant at the end of 2007, is one of the lucky ones to work there. Website pictures show cloistered buildings surrounded by verdant forest overlooking the exquisite coastline in Split, Croatia.

Established little more than a year ago when the first group of researchers moved in, MedILS is jokingly dubbed 'Warm Spring Harbor'. Of course, the institute looks up to the world-famous Cold Spring Harbor as role model to become a powerful research center

and a vibrant conference spot. Being located in the UNESCO-protected ancient city of Split is an added advantage.

Today, the institute already has six active groups, with students from five different countries, covering a range of topics in modern molecular biology from bacterial and yeast genetics to tumor biology to bioinformatics and computational biophysics.

The biggest expansion of the institute is still ahead: institute officials expect to recruit several new group leaders soon. With open positions for graduate students, postdocs and senior researchers, MedILS invites all interested parties to visit its web page at www.medils.hr or write directly to medils@medils.hr.

More life science research in Scotland

New Division of Molecular and Environmental Microbiology at Uni of Dundee

Life science research continues to expand at the University of Dundee with the opening of a new division of Molecular and Environmental Microbiology. Research focuses on understanding both fundamental and applied processes carried out by prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms and currently comprises five independent research groups working on a variety of model systems.

Professor *Geoff Gadd*, Division Head, says that "Since microbial activities underpin all aspects of our daily lives, this encouragement and support for microbiology is very timely. We are now actively searching worldwide for more excellent recruits to the Division to reinforce existing research programmes and also

to initiate novel research directions in microbiology relevant to, for example, health, the environment and biotechnology. Our application of modern molecular and analytical techniques now ensures a level of understanding that we

could not imagine a few years ago and we are looking forward to exciting discoveries".

Two new professors have already been recruited to the Division with *Tracy Palmer* and *Frank Sargent* arriving from the John Innes

Centre in Norwich and the University of East Anglia respectively.

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