

Sponsorship for 11th International EMBL PhD Student Symposium

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Dear Sir or Madame,

We are privileged to invite your company to become a sponsor of the 11th International EMBL PhD Student Symposium titled "Puzzles in Biology, putting the pieces together". This auspicious event is organized by PhD students of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and will take place at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany from 29th to 31st October 2009.

EMBL - the “flagship of the European Life Sciences” - is an international research organization supported by 20 member states. Each year, the PhD student symposium hosts about 20 speakers, many of whom are world-famous and very sought-after, and about 200 participants, mostly PhD students and postdocs. It provides young researchers an opportunity to interact with leading scientists in an informal and relaxed environment.

Many distinguished scientists who have given stimulating and inspiring talks have graced the past symposia, these include the Nobel Laureate Tim Hunt, NASA scientist Max Bernstein and Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain Baroness Susan Greenfield to name just a few. In keeping with this fine tradition, we intent to invite a number of prestigious speakers all of who are leading experts in their field of research for the 2009 symposium. In addition to the invited speakers' talks, we will host poster sessions, panel discussions and talks by young researchers.

The audience will consists of local and international young researches drawn from a diverse range of scientific backgrounds. This symposium is often over-subscribed and only those with the highest qualifications are able to attend. This is therefore a unique opportunity for your institution to engage with the future pioneers of the scientific world.

This year there are three sponsorship packages available to you, depending on the level of participation you wish to have in this event.

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- iii. Your name and logo will appear on the **symposium handbook**.

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- a. Food and beverages
- b. Symposium Bags/ Note Pads / Pens

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Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of the organizing committee