Indian researcher selected for prestigious international funding award

New Delhi, Dec 08 (India Science Wire): Council of Scientific and Industrial Research’s New Delhi-based Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) has added a feather to its cap. Debojyoti Chakraborty, a scientist at the Institute has been selected as a European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) Young Investigator. He is one of a set of 30 life scientists who have been selected under the programme.

EMBO was founded in 1964 by a group of pioneering molecular biologists, among them Nobel Laureates Max Perutz, John Kendrew, Francois Jacob and Sydney Brenner to promote molecular biology in Europe and neighbouring countries by fostering talents, disseminating new ideas and knowledge among European scientists and by encouraging cross-boundary collaborations.

EMBO is now an organization of more than 1800 leading researchers that promotes excellence in life sciences in Europe and beyond. Its major goals are to support talented researchers at all stages of their careers, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and help build a research environment where scientists can achieve their best work.

It helps young scientists to advance their research, promote their international reputations and ensure their mobility. Courses, workshops, conferences and EMBO Press publications disseminate the latest research and offer training in techniques to maintain high standards of excellence in research practice. It helps to shape science policy by seeking input and feedback from our community and by following closely the trends in science.

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme supports life scientists who have been group leaders for less than four years and have an excellent track record of scientific achievements. The selected scientists receive an award of 15,000 euros in the second year of their tenure and can apply for additional grants of up to 10,000 euros per year.

They also benefit from a variety of networking opportunities for them and their lab members, mentoring by EMBO Members, training in research leadership and management as well as responsible conduct of research, and access to core facilities at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, Germany.

Announcing the selection, EMBO Director Maria Leptin, said,“We are delighted to welcome the new Young Investigators to the EMBO community and look forward to support them in leading and further developing their independent laboratories. These 30 life scientists have demonstrated scientific excellence and are among the next generation of leading life scientists. Their participation in the EMBO Young Investigator Programme will help them in this critical phase of their careers.” (India Science Wire)
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