



PRESS RELEASE

Counting down to FEBS-EMBO 2014 in Paris, France

PARIS, 29 JULY 2014 – With thirty days to go and almost 2500 registered participants, the final preparations for the *FEBS-EMBO 2014 Conference* are well underway. The event, a joint venture between the Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS), EMBO, and the French Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SFBBM), will take place from Saturday, 30 August to Thursday, 4 September at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, France.

The *FEBS-EMBO 2014 Conference* is the largest meeting for the life sciences in Europe this year. It features more than one hundred lectures, workshops and symposia on established and emerging areas of research. The conference will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of FEBS and EMBO and the centennial of the SFBBM.

Journalists and science writers will have abundant opportunities to learn about the latest research from leading scientists:

- **Catherine Dulac** of Harvard University will deliver the opening keynote lecture on the cellular and molecular architecture of neural circuits underlying instinctive social behaviour
- **Svante Pääbo** of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology will give a keynote lecture entitled *A Neandertal Perspective on Human Origins*
- **Michael N. Hall** of the University of Basel will present the Sir Hans Krebs Lecture focusing on mTOR signalling in cell growth and metabolism
- **Denis Le Bihan** of the CEA Saclay Center will deliver the Louis-Jeantet 2014 Prize Lecture on the use of water diffusion MRI for detection and monitoring of neurological diseases
- Plenary session speakers include **Hans Clevers** of the Hubrecht Institute, **Elaine Fuchs** of the Rockefeller University and **David Baulcombe** of the University of Cambridge

To view the full programme visit: <http://www.febs-embo2014.org/programme/overview/43>

The conference also features topics at the intersection of science and society. **Thomas Stocker** of the University of Bern will talk about climate change, and **Curt Rice** of the Arctic University of Norway will discuss how implicit bias holds women back in their careers. New trends in scientific policy in Europe related to big data is a topic of the *Science & Society Round Table*.



Online press registration and more information for journalists are available at <http://www.febs-embo2014.org/media/media-registration/46>. The Abstract Book will be emailed to registered participants and journalists two weeks before the conference starts. Interview opportunities can be arranged prior to the conference or on site, beginning on Saturday evening after the opening address.

About EMBO

EMBO is an organization of more than 1600 leading researchers that promotes excellence in the life sciences. The major goals of the organization are to support talented researchers at all stages of their careers, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and help build a European research environment where scientists can achieve their best work.

For more information: www.embo.org

About FEBS

Founded on 1st January 1964, The Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) is one of Europe's largest organizations in the molecular life sciences, with over 36,000 members across more than 35 national biochemistry and molecular biology societies (its 'Constituent Societies') in Europe and neighboring regions. As a charitable organization, FEBS promotes and supports the molecular life sciences in various ways – from offering advanced courses and different types of research fellowships to publishing journals.

For more information: www.febs.org

About SFBBM

The French Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology develops and promotes Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in research and teaching, both in universities and centers of research as well as industry. Members of the organization are involved in learned societies devoted to biochemistry at the international level. The French Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, which was founded in 1914, has been a member of FEBS since 1964.

For more information: www.sfbbm.fr

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