



## Federation of European Biochemical Societies

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A Federation of the Societies of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, FYROM, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Tunisia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia.

With more than 40 000 members distributed between 36 Constituent and five Associated Societies, the Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) is one of the largest organisations in European life sciences today.

Detailed information on the member societies of FEBS is available at <http://www.febs.org>.

Our primary goal is to promote and develop basic research and education in biochemistry, molecular cell biology, and molecular biophysics throughout Europe.

For more than 30 years, the active FEBS programme has included advanced courses, fellowships, publications and annual meetings, as well as a scientific apparatus recycling scheme (SARS). In addition, FEBS has several committees and working groups, which play an active role in carrying out the vision of FEBS. Finally, in order to further support European science, FEBS is a co-founder and member of the European Life Sciences Forum (ELSF), <http://www.elsf.org>.

The following pages contain an outline of the various activities mentioned above. For detailed information on this and all other aspects of FEBS, please consult our website, <http://www.febs.org>.

### ADVANCED COURSES

- **Local Lecture and Practical Courses** are available for as few as 15 residential guests, and up to 200 attendees.

- **Two High Level Practical Courses** within Central and Eastern Europe are supported to further science in these countries.

For full information about the FEBS Advanced Courses please see the FEBS website, <http://www.febs.org>.

Applications to attend individual Advanced Courses should be made direct to each course organiser.

Applications for organising a course should reach the Chairman of the Courses Committee, Prof. Karel W.A. Wirtz, Centre for Biomembranes and Lipid Enzymology, Department of Biochemistry of Lipids, Utrecht University, P.O. Box 80054, 3508 TB Utrecht, the Netherlands. Tel.: +31-30-25 32 546/25 33 443; Fax: +31-30-25 33 151; E-mail: k.w.a.-wirtz@chem.uu.nl, at least one year prior to the intended start date of the course.

Deadlines for submission of applications are set for the end of February and/or August.

FEBS will also co-sponsor courses supported by other

grant-giving institutions, e.g. European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), and International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB).

Young scientists who wish to attend courses outside their own country may apply for Youth Travel Funds.

### FELLOWSHIPS

- **Long-term Fellowships** in a country outside your own are available to facilitate mobility, collaboration and exchange of information. Each fellowship is for a 1-year term and may be renewed for an additional year. Long-term fellowships are awarded twice per year. Applications should be sent to the Chairman of the Fellowships Committee prior to April 1 or October 1 of the corresponding year. Retrospective applications cannot be considered.

- **Short-term Fellowships** are offered to support scientific collaboration between members of FEBS Constituent and Associated Societies. This fellowship lasts no longer than 2 months. Applications should reach the Chairman of the Fellowships Committee at least 2 months before the proposed starting date.

- **Summer Fellowships** are available to young scientists to travel to institutions outside their own country for short-term research projects. Applications should reach the Chairman of the Fellowships Committee before April 1 each year.

- **Collaborative Experimental Scholarships** are open to Central and Eastern European students currently completing their doctoral thesis. These funds are intended to allow visits to well-founded laboratories for the completion of experimental procedures that are either impossible to do, or difficult to carry out, in their home country.

Fellowship applications should reach the Chairman of the Fellowships Committee, Prof. Maciej Nalecz, UNESCO, S/BES, B329, 1 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France. Tel.: +33-1-45 68 39 30; Fax: +33-1-45 68 58 21; E-mail: m.nalecz@unesco.org, at least 2 months before the proposed starting date. Retrospective applications cannot be considered.

### PUBLICATIONS

- **European Journal of Biochemistry (EJB) and FEBS Letters**

The activities of FEBS would not be possible without your

continued support of and publication in these two journals. Both are available electronically, indexed through the various indexing services, and peer reviewed.

**EJB** exists to publish original papers on fundamental aspects of biochemistry, molecular and cell biology and molecular biophysics. To secure acceptance, a paper must report a new phenomenon, unravel a new molecular mechanism, throw new light on an old observation, raise an important new concept, or report a new method of widespread interest. E-mail: [ejb@camfebs.co.uk](mailto:ejb@camfebs.co.uk); Website: <http://www.ejbiochem.com/>.

**FEBS Letters**, since its inception in July 1968, publishes concise reports in biochemistry, biophysics and molecular cell biology where the over-riding criterion is that the communication must be of sufficient immediate importance to the work of other investigators to merit urgent publication. E-mail: [FEBS.Letters@urz.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:FEBS.Letters@urz.uni-heidelberg.de); Website: <http://www.elsevier.nl/febs/>.

• **FEBS Newsletter**, which is available via the FEBS website, <http://www.febs.org>, provides information on activities sponsored by FEBS as well as issues and events pertaining to the European scientific community. Should you wish to receive an e-notification whenever a new issue is available, please fill out the e-subscription form available on the FEBS website.

## ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

One of the ways in which FEBS seeks to promote high-quality science is by having an annual Congress that provides a forum for knowledge exchange. Each year a different member of the Federation hosts this Congress. Bursaries are available to assist young scientists to attend these Congresses.

• In **2003** the annual FEBS Congress is a **Special Meeting on Signal Transduction**. This meeting will take place in Brussels, Belgium, July 4–8, 2003. Detailed information is available at <http://www.febs-signal.be/>. For additional information please contact Scientific Secretariat, Attn. Prof. J.E. Dumont, I.R.I.B.H.N.-ULB, Campus Erasme, bldg C, 808 route de Lennik, B-1070 Brussels, Belgium. Tel.: +32-2-55 541 35; Fax: +32-2-55 546 55; E-mail: [cleclerc@ulb.ac.be](mailto:cleclerc@ulb.ac.be).

• In **2004** the **29th FEBS Annual Congress** will take place in Poland. Detailed information is available at <http://www.febs2004.pl>. For additional information please contact the Organising Committee of FEBS Congress 2004, Polish Biochemical Society Pasteura 3, 02-093 Warsaw, Poland. Tel.: +48-22-82 37 189; Fax: +48-22-82 25 342; E-mail: [info@febs2004.pl](mailto:info@febs2004.pl).

Detailed information on planned FEBS meetings is available on <http://www.febs.org>.

Should you have any questions regarding a FEBS meeting, please contact the FEBS Meeting Counsellor, Prof. Joan: J. Guinovart, Departament de Bioquímica y Biología Molecular, Universitat de Barcelona, Martí I Franques, 1, E-08028 Barcelona, Spain. Tel.: +34-93-40 21 206; Fax: +34-93-40 21 219; E-mail: [guino@sun.bq.ub.es](mailto:guino@sun.bq.ub.es).

## SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS RECYCLING SCHEME (SARS)

In order to support fellow scientists in Central and Eastern Europe, FEBS distributes surplus research materials and instruments via a specialised programme named SARS.

Offers of donations and information on current holdings can be obtained from Prof. P.N. Campbell, SARS, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, UK. Tel.: +44-20-76 79 21 69; Fax: +44-20-76 79 71 93; E-mail: [p.campbell@biochemistry.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.campbell@biochemistry.ucl.ac.uk).

## FEBS WORKING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

In addition to Council and the Executive Committee, FEBS currently has four Committees and six Working Groups:

### • Advanced Courses Committee

Chaired by K.W.A. Wirtz, E-mail: [k.w.a.wirtz@chem.uu.nl](mailto:k.w.a.wirtz@chem.uu.nl).

### • Fellowships Committee

Chaired by M. Nalecz, E-mail: [m.nalecz@unesco.org](mailto:m.nalecz@unesco.org).

### • Publications Committee

Chaired by W. Stalmans, E-mail: [willy.stalmans@med.kuleuven.ac.be](mailto:willy.stalmans@med.kuleuven.ac.be).

### • Science and Society Committee

Chaired by Federico Mayor, E-mail: [fmayor@fund-culturadepaz.org](mailto:fmayor@fund-culturadepaz.org)

The Working Groups are:

### • Working Group on Young Scientists Careers

Chaired by M. Makarow, E-mail: [makarow@Operoni.helsinki.fi](mailto:makarow@Operoni.helsinki.fi).

### • Working Group on Women in Science

Chaired by S. Rogne, E-mail: [sissel.rogne@bion.no](mailto:sissel.rogne@bion.no).

### • Working Group on Education in Biochemistry

Chaired by J. Wallach, E-mail: [jean.wallach@univ-lyon1.fr](mailto:jean.wallach@univ-lyon1.fr).

### • Working Group on Ways to Improve Assistance to Central and Eastern European Countries

Chaired by G. Dirheimer, E-mail: [guy.dirheimer.febs@wanadoo.fr](mailto:guy.dirheimer.febs@wanadoo.fr)

### • Working Group on FEBS Future Financial Structure

Chaired by I. Mowbray, E-mail: [j.mowbray@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.mowbray@ucl.ac.uk).

### • Working Group on The European Research Area (ERA)

Chaired by J.E. Celis, E-mail: [jec@cancer.dk](mailto:jec@cancer.dk).

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## EUROPEAN LIFE SCIENCES FORUM (ELSF):

To support and advance European science, FEBS, together with the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO), the European Life Science Organisation (ELSO), and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), has joined with other organisations to establish the European Life Sciences Forum (ELSF).

The mission of this forum is to enable the European Community to speak with a unified voice and to take joint action on matters of common interest.

The current president of ELSF is the Secretary General of FEBS, J.E. Celis (Copenhagen, Denmark), and the Executive Coordinator is L. van Dyck (Heidelberg, Germany).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### **FEBS website**

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