Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to present you the 52nd edition of the EURAXESS Links ASEAN e-newsletter.

In this month’s EU insight section you will find a summary of the new mechanism called SAM that will support the Commission with high quality, timely and independent scientific advice for its policy-making activities.

In June, we organised two highly successful EURAXESS Share events in Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok, which provided more than 400 researchers with information on funding programmes and fellowships from across Europe.

Our News, Grants and Fellowships section contains our latest round-up of the most important developments and opportunities.

We hope you do enjoy reading our newsletter, and welcome your feedback.

Wishing you a great month ahead!

Your EURAXESS Links ASEAN team
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1. EU Insight – The new Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)

How should independent scientific advice be institutionalised in the European Commission (EC) after the mandate of the EC Chief Scientific Advisor (CAS) came to an end in November 2014? For several months, the EC searched for ways to answer that question, studying the various science advisory models around the globe and the “particular needs and culture of the commission”.¹

Finally, in mid-May 2015, EC President Jean-Claude Juncker endorsed a new instrument for high quality, timely, independent scientific advice: the so-called Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) recommended by Commissioner Carlos Moedas, responsible for Science, Research and Innovation within the college of commissioners.

Scientific Advice across all policy areas

Key criteria of the new mechanism are independence of institutional or political interests, bringing together evidence and insights from different disciplines and approaches, and transparency.² For specific policy areas, the EC already has access to extensive scientific advice through 1) the Joint Research Centre (JRC) providing in-house scientific support, 2) external experts (groups, contracted studies, and standing, independent advisory committees), and 3) Horizon 2020 financed research projects in support of EU policies (societal challenges). However, the new mechanism is envisioned to provide timely, independent, high level scientific advice to meet needs across all policy areas.³

The Scientific Advice Mechanism’s features

This future mechanism will draw on the wide range of scientific expertise in Europe through a close relationship with national academies and other bodies, coordinated by a High-Level Group of Independent Scientists.⁴

Figure 1.1: SAM’s two main features are: (1) a structured relationship with scientific advisory bodies in Member States (e.g. national academies) – to benefit from the wealth of knowledge and expertise; (2) a High-Level Group of eminent scientists supported from within DG RTD – to improve the interaction with scientific community, and to ensure independence, scientific integrity, and transparency. The high-level group and the Commission services (incl. JRC) provide scientific advise to the EC president and the college of commissioners.

Source: “A new mechanism for independent scientific advice in the European Commission.”
The group will consist of seven members, who can come from anywhere in the world, and who will receive operational support from within the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG-RTD) in the form of a 20 to 25 person-strong secretariat. Commissioner Moedas’ role will be that of a “intermediary” between the future high-level panel and the EC president as well as the EC commissioners.5

Implementation timeline

In the coming months, Commissioner Moedas’s task will be to implement this new arrangement involving other Commissioners and making the most of effective cooperation between Commission services. The figure below is taken from the NCP Brussels website6, indicating the envisioned timeline for the set-up of the Scientific Advisory Mechanism until autumn 2015.

Source: NCP Brussels.

According to Science, “The advisory panel's members will be recruited by a[n] […] ‘identification committee,’ through a process modeled after the European Research Council's search for scientific council members”.7

A budget of up to EUR 6 million of EU funding is envisioned to support the Scientific Advice Mechanism, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The mechanism will be in place by autumn 2015.

Sources and further information


4 European Commission, 2015a.


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2. EURAXESS Share Events – Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok, June 22-26

During the week of June 22-26, EURAXESS Links ASEAN organised two highly successful events in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Bangkok, Thailand, which not only provided researchers with information on funding programmes and fellowships from across Europe, but also gave them an opportunity to learn from their colleagues on how to be successful in applying to these programmes. More than 400 researchers from Malaysia and Thailand participated in the events called “Advancing your Research Career in Europe: Funding and Fellowship Opportunities for Researchers in Southeast Asia. “

2.1 EURAXESS Share Kuala Lumpur – Linking Malaysia’s Research Community with Europe

The fantastic turnout at the EURAXESS Share event in Malaysia’s capital Kuala Lumpur on 22nd and 23rd June 2015 gives hope for research ties between Malaysia and Europe to grow even closer. Over 200 researchers from more than 20 research institutions in Malaysia had followed the invitation of EURAXESS Links ASEAN to engage with representatives of leading European research and funding agencies and to take the first steps towards mutually beneficial research mobility experiences and collaborations.
The two-day programme was packed with information on available funding opportunities as well as practical advice, for example on available partner finding tools, personal relocation assistance or application procedures. Additional one-on-one sessions gave plenty of opportunity for in-depth discussions with the European speakers. The undisputed highlight of the event were two roundtable sessions with a panel of highly accomplished researchers representing various universities across Malaysia. Not only did they share their research experience in Europe with the audience but they also passed on their valuable tips and advice. “Be daring” encouraged Prof Dr Khalijah Binti Awang, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Malaya while her colleague Molecular Biologist Dr Chan Kok Gan urged the audience not to give up when faced with the sometimes challenging task of securing funding or finding the right partner for international research collaborations.

As noted by EU ambassador Mr Vandebon in his welcome address, increasingly, research and innovation are global activities that require co-operation between multiple partners in order to find more effective solutions with respect to global challenges such as lack of food and water, or energy security or climate change. The mobility of researchers thus plays an important role, since it enables both research institutions and their individual researchers to broaden their horizons, share experiences and knowledge and learn different approaches to carrying out research. It is a win-win process in which everyone involved benefits.

Malaysian research institutions and scientists enjoy an excellent reputation worldwide and are renowned for their collaborative approach with international research partners. Both Malaysia and the EU will benefit enormously from increased participation of Malaysian researchers and institutions in European research programmes, exchanges and other forms of cooperation.

The European Union has long recognised the importance of cross-cultural fertilisation in working towards a more sustainable and competitive society and economy. Beginning in 2000, the European Commission has already taken steps in this direction by creating the European research Area (ERA), which is founded upon the mobility of researchers.
Nonetheless, the European Union remains fully aware that ensuring that researchers are free to move within Europe is not sufficient on its own, providing researchers with the opportunity to interact and learn from their counterparts in other countries needs to be viewed within a global context, if Europe seeks to obtain full advantage of the benefits arising from such exchanges. The European Commission, in its recent Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council entitled “The EU and ASEAN: a partnership with a strategic purpose” emphasises cooperation in science and technology as one of the areas in which closer collaboration should take place.

EURAXESS Links ASEAN remains committed to linking the research communities of ASEAN to Europe. The EURAXESS Share event in Kuala Lumpur was one of many activities that seek to encourage researcher mobility between the two regions. Future events are already in the works.

EURAXESS Links ASEAN would like to express our sincere thanks to our partner, the Malaysian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation for the wonderful cooperation. Terima Kaseh to all our participants!

### 2.2 EURAXESS Share Bangkok – Building on 35 years of EU-Thailand S&T Cooperation

More than 200 researchers representing 27 universities and research institutes from across Thailand joined the EURAXESS Share event in Bangkok, a clear indication of the strong interest that Thai researchers have in deepening their cooperation with Europe. These researchers had an opportunity to gain in depth knowledge about funding opportunities available from 10 leading European funding and research agencies. Two panel discussions with Thai alumni of these programmes provided participants with valuable first-hand advice on how to be successful in these programmes, and alumni also shared their personal views on the value of international mobility.

In his welcome remarks, H.E. Jesús Miguel Sanz, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand noted that we now live in an increasingly complex world that has seen the emergence of global problems such as food and water security and infectious diseases. Ambassador Sanz stated that “the trans-national nature of these issues requires multi-partner, cross-sectorial, and trans-boundary approaches to research. And these can only be achieved through scientific cooperation. The foundation of scientific cooperation is researcher mobility. “

EURAXESS Links ASEAN partnered with Thailand’s National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), which is the leading applied research agency in the country, in the organisation of this EURAXESS Share
ASEAN-EU co-publications have increased more than five-fold over the past decade, a growth rate which exceeds the growth of the ASEAN’s co-publications with the US, China, Japan and India during the same period.

In her welcome remarks Dr Chadamas Thuvasethakul, NSTDA’s Executive Vice President, referred to the nine-fold increase in Thai-EU co-publications over the last 15 years, and said that the exceptional turn out for the event bode well for increased Thailand-EU research cooperation.

Three days prior to the Bangkok event, at a conference in Brussels, the EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas presented his vision for the next chapter of the European Research Area (ERA) which he said would be built on the principles of “Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World.” This EURAXESS Share event demonstrated that Thai researchers are ready to be part of this new vision.

3. MEET THE RESEARCHER:
Interview with Dr Abhi Veerakumarasivam

Tell us about your research background and interests

My research group works on identifying and elucidating the components of regulatory and signaling pathways involved in bladder cancer recurrence and invasion; as well as dissecting Asian-Caucasian genetic variations. The high-throughput phenotype-associated genotype platforms employed by my research group is aimed at improving our understanding of the spectrum of genetic changes that may allow for tailor-made management of cancer. I also have an extended interest in understanding the genetic basis of rare birth defects in the Malaysian population.

How important is the cooperation with researchers to your work and your career development?

I have established a network of researchers in Europe that have allowed me to have access to expertise and technologies that are not readily available in Malaysia. Since the scientific community in Malaysia is rapidly building towards a critical capacity, I rely on my collaborators to critique and benchmark my work. Having international collaborators also help me further develop my network and gain global recognition.

How did your research collaborations with European partners come about?

The PhD experience at the University of Cambridge as well as presentations at international conferences gave me many opportunities to forge realistic and
workable research collaborations. While the internet is an amazing gateway to the world, nothing truly replaces the human interface. Many of my collaborators were either friends to start with or have since developed into friendship. My collaborative network truly provides an extra intellectual and emotional dimension. I believe that a successful and sustainable collaboration thrives on a mutualistic symbiotic relationship, and thus it is important to not only focus on how one benefits from a collaboration but also how the other party benefits.

**As a researcher, how do you see the benefits of networking?**

My research work benefits from experiments that I would not have conducted if I worked ‘in silo’. Besides having greater access to expertise, research material and equipment, networking also provides access to a larger pool of research funds. A successful collaborative network can also be a source for fun as one gets to potentially travel abroad and forge life-long friendships. More importantly, it reinforces our sense of purpose and builds resilience as we tackle our very important but difficult research questions.

**You are also the Chairman of the Young Scientists Network – Academy of Sciences Malaysia. How does this network support junior researchers in Malaysia?**

The Young Scientists Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM) functions as a National Young Academy and is aligned to the goals of the Global Young Academy (GYA). It is represented by the top Malaysian scientists under the age of 40 who have the desire and capacity to contribute holistically to the strengthening of the Malaysian education, research and scientific ecosystem. Thus, our members are involved in various national and international flagship programmes and working groups such as Science Policy and Science Outreach. The Research Leadership working group specifically supports junior researchers. It organises a series of initiatives that not only share and discuss strategies on how junior researchers can overcome obstacles and thrive in the local research environment but also foster ownership in research ecosystem.

At an international level, we support GYA in their various noble initiatives. For example, YSN-ASM is currently collaborating with GYA and the National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand on the Global State of Young Scientists (GloSYS) ASEAN project. This is a study that is designed to understand the challenges and opportunities young researchers in the ASEAN region face with the purpose of helping to improve their situation.

**What would be your main advise to junior researchers in Malaysia considering a research stay in Europe?**

My past research experience in Europe has and continues to create a very positive impact on my research as well as my career. Even if the duration of the research stay is a short one, I strongly advice that our junior researchers seek and grab the opportunity to experience it. However, it is important that we not only identify European researchers who are highly-regarded in the field but we should also contextualise their research expertise and experience to what is relevant to Malaysia or the region. This is to ensure that what is learnt and
developed is transferrable when one returns to Malaysia and embarks on their research career.

**What are your plans to the future?**

My career is built on a tripartite mission that focuses on building education, research and service excellences in Malaysia. I am lucky to not only have an established international collaborative network, but also local collaborators who have been very integral to my success thus far. I plan to continue the various initiatives that have been established and ensure that these various plans materialise into tangible output that truly contributes to both the Malaysian ecosystem and global scientific knowledge. Having said that, this interview has made me realise a research sabbatical in Europe is long overdue!

Thank you for your time!

4. **News & Developments**

4.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

4.1.1 EU proposes scaling up its partnership with ASEAN

On May 19, the European Commission adopted a Joint Communication entitled: "The EU and ASEAN: a partnership with a strategic purpose." Concrete proposals and commitments contained in the Joint Communication include strengthening collaboration on climate change and initiating a new, dedicated EU-ASEAN policy dialogue on environment and sustainable development, as well as more than doubling EU financial support for ASEAN integration (to 170 million) which comes on top of the EUR 2 billion for ASEAN Member States.

The Communication also covers "Research, Innovation and People-to-People Contacts." and calls for enhanced cooperation under H2020 and extended cooperation in the area of higher education. More [here](#).

4.1.2 Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World

“Cross-border research cooperation has become a wonderful, every-day reality. Mobility is also becoming a normal part of the career of every researcher. Around one in three EU researchers have been internationally mobile over the last 10 years. There has been an eight-fold increase in the number of jobs advertised on the EURAXESS site since 2007, with around 10000 job offers on any given day. Today, we have a single, integrated European programme for research and innovation.” These were some of the comments made by Carlos Moedas – Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation at the opening of the ‘A new start for Europe: Opening up to an ERA of Innovation’ Conference in Brussels. Mr Moedas also outlined the Commission’s strategic priorities for the full implementation of a European Research Area built on the principles of “Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World.” More [here](#).
4.1.3 The EU approach to science diplomacy

On June 1 at the European Institute in Washington, Carlos Moedas – Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation outlined his views on how to embed science in EU diplomacy. He stated that “the scientific values of rationality, transparency and universality foster common understanding, build trust and promote cooperation between peoples, regardless of cultural, national or religious background. In today’s troubled world, the greatest achievements in science diplomacy are when deeds succeed, where words have failed.” More here.

4.1.4 Outstanding inventors honoured with the European Inventor Award

The European Patent Office has announced the 15 finalists for the European Inventor Award 2015. With this prestigious annual award, the EPO honours scientists and engineers in five categories whose inventions have been patented by the EPO and have contributed to technological progress, social development and economic growth. The 10th edition of the award will be held in Paris on 11 June, when the winners will be announced at a ceremony attended by prominent representatives of the worlds of politics, business, research and industry.

More information here.

4.2 ASEAN

4.2.1 69th meeting of ASEAN COST backs metrology to be the base of sci-tech development in ASEAN

The 69th ASEAN Committee for Science and Technology (ASEAN COST) has agreed to develop Metrology as the fundamental of scientific and technological development in ASEAN, said Science and Technology Minister Pichet Durongkaveroj on Thursday.

The committee has approved the initiative proposed by Thailand as the host, to use Metrology as the ground of all developments in science, technology and innovation. They expected that Metrology would be an effective tool to move ASEAN toward successful single market. They would formulate a roadmap and action plan to push forward the idea before proposing the roadmap to the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST) in late-2015. More here.
4.2.2 3rd EU-ASEAN Dialogue on climate change

The 3rd EU-ASEAN Dialogue on Climate Change will take place in Bangkok funded by France and the EU on 1-3 July in the Asia Institute of Technology (Bangkok). This series of meetings will lay the groundwork for the Global Climate Conference in Paris later this year. More information here.

4.2.3 The UK and Vietnam sign MOU on the Newton Fund

A Memorandum of Understanding on the Newton Programme Vietnam was signed in Hanoi on 3 June 2015 by British Ambassador to Vietnam Giles Lever and Minister of Science and Technology of Vietnam Nguyen Quan. Under this new programme, up to £10 million from the UK government is available to support a comprehensive and co-funded UK-Vietnam research and innovation partnership through to 2019.

The Newton Programme Vietnam offers a wide range of funding opportunities for both Vietnamese and UK scientists, researchers and other stakeholders including science managers and innovative businesses. Activities will be focussed around: People, with research capacity-building and fellowships; Research, with collaborative research projects on development challenges; and Translation, with training and partnerships to turn research into practical applications and development solutions. More information here.

4.2.4 EU Copernicus – free and precise geo-information for ASEAN

Copernicus is the new EU flagship programme, which offers satellite images and geo-information free of charge to users world-wide. The second of eight satellites has just been launched. The system provides figures on the state of the Earth, the atmosphere, the oceans and the land environment. This allows decision makers and civil protection authorities to have detailed maps to manage emergencies, natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

To invite ASEAN to benefit from Copernicus, EU Senior Coordinator for ASEAN Andreas List participated in an ASEAN Workshop hosted by the Committee on Science and Technology (COST). There is significant interest among ASEAN bodies and member states’ agencies to work with the EU as a trusted partner in space technology. As a follow up to the Phuket Workshop a dedicated meeting will be held in the next months, in order to clarify the technical details of this cooperation. More information here.

4.2.5 UNCTAD completes science, technology and innovation policy review of Thailand

UNCTAD in cooperation with the Thai Government has completed a science, technology and innovation policy review of Thailand, containing detailed recommendations on how to improve the country’s innovation system. An
overall conclusion of this STIP Review is that Thailand has significant assets for innovation-driven economic growth and for inclusive and sustainable development. The full report can be downloaded here.

4.2.6 Japan and Singapore jostle for top uni rankings

Asian universities dominate both the Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) rankings yet again in 2015. Japan and Singapore dominant the rankings. Japan leads the THE Asian university rankings, with the University of Tokyo retaining top spot again in 2015. Singapore’s universities have continued to lead in the top 10 of this year’s rankings, with the National University of Singapore (NUS) maintaining its 2nd spot from 2014. Read more here.

4.2.7 Europe and Southeast Asia: collaboration for innovation.

The EU-funded SEA-EU-NET project is helping researchers and policy-makers in Europe and South East Asia form consortia to collaborate on sustainable food, healthcare and water management research. Projects tackle major issues, such as contaminants in food imports or the growing global threat of antimicrobial resistance. The project is just one strand of a Europe-wide commitment to develop stronger ties with South East Asia. The EU hopes to foster partnerships that will help to address global challenges, build stability and strengthen economic growth for both regions. More information here.

5. Grants & Fellowships

5.1 Merlion Programme supports researcher mobility between Singapore and France

The PHC Merlion Program is a joint French-Singaporean collaboration, managed by the Institut Français de Singapour, in partnership with Singaporean institutions to encourage and support new scientific research development between French and Singaporean laboratories, through funding the scientists’ trip exchanges. There are three different funding opportunities:

**Merlion Project:**

- Funding of missions between France and Singapore for researchers, post-doctoral and doctoral students involved in a joint research project.
  - Up to €30,000 over two years

**Merlion Workshop:**
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- Co-organising a workshop based on a common theme, to be held in either France or Singapore, with the aim of eventually leading to a bilateral research agreement. Up to €30,000

Merlion Ph.D:

- Funding of stays in France of up to 6 months per year (maximum 3 years) for Ph.D students from a Singaporean partner laboratory and up to 3 years. Up to €23,000 over three years

Eligibility and composition of the team:

1. A research team affiliated with a research organization in France;
2. A research team affiliated with one of the following Singaporean partners: Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)
3. Optional: An industrial partner to form a tripartite collaboration.

The 2015 Call is now open!

Further information can be accessed [here](#). Please do contact Mr Florent Beau (florent.beau@diplomatie.gouv.fr) if you require assistance.

5.2 Newton Advanced Fellowships Open to Thai and Malaysian Scientists

Newton Advanced Fellowships provide established international researchers with an opportunity to develop the research strengths and capabilities of their research group through training, collaboration and reciprocal visits with a partner in the UK.
Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in an eligible university or research institute, which must span the duration of the project. Applicants should have no more than 15 years of postdoctoral experience. Collaborations should focus on a single project involving overseas-based scientist (“the Applicant”) and UK-based scientist (“the Co-applicant”).

**Deadline 15 September, 2015. More information [here](#).**

### 5.3 Newton Fund UK-China-Philippines-Thailand-Vietnam call for collaborative research proposals in rice research

The UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), in UK Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)
- Thailand National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)
- Thailand Agricultural Research and Development Agency (Public Organisation) (ARDA)
- Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development and Department of Science and Technology (PCAARRD DOST)
- Philippine Rice Research Institute, Department of Agriculture Philippines (DA PhilRice)
- International Cooperation Department Ministry of Science and Technology Vietnam (MOST)

are pleased to announce a call for collaborative proposals. The purpose of this call is to build on the combined strengths of academic research groups within China, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and the UK to work together on **collaborative interdisciplinary research that will underpin the long-term sustainable production of rice.**

**Deadline August 13, 2015. More information here.**

### 5.4 H2020 – 2016 Calls soon to be announced

The European Commission will soon launch the 2016 calls under Horizon 2020. The three key pillars of Horizon 2020:

- **Excellent Science:** Around €3 billion, including €1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists, and €800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers.
• **Industrial Leadership**: €1.8 billion to support Europe's industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.

• **Societal Challenges**: €2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing Horizon 2020's seven societal challenges, broadly: health; agriculture, maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies; and security.

To find out more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project, and about the 2016 Calls, please visit the [European Commission’s Participant Portal](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess) where all calls will be published.

International researchers are also invited to join the [database of independent experts for European research and innovation](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess). Distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

5.5 **European University - Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) offers one-year Jean Monnet Fellowships (renewable for one more year) to scholars who have obtained their doctorate more than 5 years prior to the start of the fellowship, i.e. 1 September 2015 for the academic year 2015/16. The Fellowship programme is open to post-docs, tenure track academics and those wishing to spend their sabbatical at the Robert Schuman Centre. We invite you to become part of a lively and creative academic community. The Centre offers up to 20 Fellowships a year. More [here](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).

5.6 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Call for Individual Fellowships**

Are you an experienced researcher thinking about your next career move? Individual Fellowships fund researchers looking to enhance their career development and prospects by working abroad. These Fellowships offer ASEAN researchers an opportunity to spend up to two years working at a university, research institute or company in Europe. More info [here](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).
5.7 EMBO Courses and Workshops

EMBO offers the largest number of life science events in Europe. EMBO Courses & Workshops funds approximately 80 events attracting more than 8,000 participants every year. Funding is available to organize conferences, EMBO | EMBL Symposia, workshops, EMBO | FEBS Lecture Courses, Global Exchange Lecture Courses and practical courses, as well as for keynote lectures. Travel grants support the attendance of participants from countries with less-developed scientific infrastructures. EMBO assists the organizer with the design of a poster, set-up of a website and registration system, and with promotion of the event.

The consistent high quality and novelty of EMBO Courses & Workshops is ensured through a committee of EMBO Members, which selects the events that EMBO funds. Dedicated scientific organizers guarantee the long-term success of the programme to share research results and train scientists at all career stages.

Further details.

5.8 Austria: Lise Meitner Programme for Scientists from Abroad

This programme targets highly qualified scientists of any discipline who could contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. It funds 12 or 24 month postdocs with an annual personal allowance between EUR 62,500 and EUR 68,700.

Requirements: completed doctoral studies, record of international scientific publications, invitation from an Austrian research institution and co-application with an Austrian researcher. No age limit.

Applications continuously reviewed.

Further information can be found here.

5.9 Austria: ISTFELLOW Postdoctoral Fellowships

ISTFELLOW is a programme open to applicants from all over the world who are interested in spending the postdoctoral stage of their scientific research career at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria). Core research preference to scientists who have a strong interest in cross-disciplinary approaches. The ISTFELLOW programme funds approximately 40 fellows per year for a two year stay, which may be extended under favourable conditions.

Next deadline: 15 September

Further information here: here
5.10 Belgium: Federal Science Policy Office – Postdoc fellowships to non-EU researchers

The stimulation of international mobility and the attraction of researchers from abroad is one of the priorities of the European Research Area. In this context, and intending to stimulate S&T cooperation, the Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) implements a fellowship scheme for highly qualified non EU researchers (i.e., postdoctoral level or equivalent experience), granting them an opportunity to work 6 to 18 months in a Belgian research team.

More information here.

5.11 Germany: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)

Top opportunities for researchers from developing countries who fulfil the following criteria:

- Researchers with above average qualifications in a developing or transition country (see list of countries),
- Intention to carry out long-term research of own choice (6 to 24 months) at a research institution in Germany together with a chosen academic host,
- Research outline includes aspects that are important for the continued development of applicant's home country or region of origin and
- Desire to contribute to the exchange of knowledge and methods between Germany and country of origin.

As many as 80 Georg Forster Research Fellowships can be granted annually. In the last few years, about one third of applications were successful (see also positive selection decisions since March 2013).

In addition, the Humboldt Foundation grants up to four Georg Forster Research Awards every year to leading researchers from developing countries.

Further details

5.12 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: IDEAS FOR POLAND

The objective of the programme is to encourage young, brilliant researchers from all over the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out their research projects submitted for the ERC competition. The program is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.
Applications accepted on a rolling basis
Details here.

5.13 Joint Singapore - UK Research in Cybersecurity

The Singapore’s National Research Foundation (NRF), the UK’s Cabinet Office (CO) and the UK’s Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), invite project proposals (from here on ‘the Agencies’) are encouraging joint research activities in cyber security. Proposals for new projects in any area relevant to cyber security, from new or established partnerships, are welcome.

Collaborating parties will need to prepare a single, unified, proposal which describes a full programme of work in both countries. This will be submitted to the EPSRC by the UK lead organisation on behalf of the research partners in the UK and Singapore. Projects should last between 25 and 36 months, to start in Spring 2016 and end by December 2018. Deadline: 31 July 2015

Further information here.

5.14 CERN Postdoctoral Fellowships

The CERN’s Non-Member State Fellowship Programme in Theoretical Physics (except nationals of CERN member countries). Eligible applicants must hold a PhD in theoretical physics and a maximum of 10 years of postdoctoral experience. The fellowships cover monthly stipend and travel expenses, are granted for a two-year period and can exceptionally be extended to a third year.

Deadline: 15 October

Further information here.

5.15 Turkey: TÜBİTAK Fellowships for Visiting Scientists

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants fellowships for international scientists/researchers who would like to give workshops/conferences/lectures, or conduct R&D activities in Turkey. Three types of visits are granted within this programme: Short-term (up to 1 month), Long-term (up to 12 months) and Sabbatical Leave (from 3 months to 12 months). All types of grants cover monthly stipend and travel costs.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information: here.
5.16 ERS/EU RESPIRE 2 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) coordinates the RESPIRE 2 Fellowships, established to enable promising researchers in carrying out advanced research projects (24 months). The Fellowships are open to all nationalities, but need to be undertaken in a European country within a certified RESPIRE 2 Host Centre (see: http://www.erscongress2013.org RESPIRE).

This programme targets experienced investigators, clinicians & respiratory professionals with a PhD or at least 4 years’ full-time research experience. Applicants are also required to have at least one first author publication in an international peer-reviewed journal at the time of application.

Deadline: 31 July 2015

Further information here.

5.17 National EURAXESS portals

The latest information on open calls for national grants and fellowships in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the respective national EURAXESS portal.

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FYRoMacedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK.

Besides providing information on funding opportunities for incoming international and European researchers, staff at the EURAXESS Service Centres offer individual assistance on all aspects of researcher mobility.

6. Jobs

There are currently 6054 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe and partner countries and in all disciplines) accessible via the EURAXESS Jobs database.

AUSTRIA (Leoben): Montanuniversität Leoben has a vacant position for full-time Senior Scientist at the Department of Economic and Business Management (Chair of Economic and Business Management) expected from June 2015 in a permanent employment relationship.

Details

DENMARK (Copenhagen): University of CopenhagenThe Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Copenhagen, invites applicants for a
position as Associate Professor in the field of Development and Resource Governance, Institutions and Conflict.

Details

NORWAY (Oslo): The Norwegian PSC Research Center (NoPSC) at the Oslo University Hospital (OUH) and the University of Oslo (UiO) offer a Post doctoral position in genomics or computational genomics.

Details

United Kingdom (Bedford): Cranfield University is seeking a postdoctoral Research Fellow to undertake research in environmental and chemical risk assessment as part of an EPSRC multidisciplinary grant that will involve coordinating input from a number of different academic institutions.

Details

Examples of Jobs supported by Marie Curie Actions Research Fellowships

12 Early Stage Researcher (ESR) positions are available in Marie Curie European Training Network (ETN) PredictAble in Barcelona, Spain.

Details

PhD position at The Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry and Molecular Imaging (LBCMI) at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland.

Details

Early Stage Researcher post Marie Skłodowska Curie Initial Training Network (ITN) MEDICIS PROMED “MEDICIS-produced radioisotope beams for medicine” in Manchester, UK.

Details

7. Events


To learn from current practices and prepare for the future urban centers, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in collaboration with Institute of Technology Cambodia (ITC), Cambodia, and Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore is organizing a two-day international expert workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia under the theme "Towards Urban Water Security in Southeast...
Asia: Managing the Risk of Extreme Events”. This event is being supported through the FP7 funded SEA-EU-NET project. More info here.

* Not listed are presentations on EURAXESS Links and European mobility schemes at research institutions held by the Regional Representatives upon invitation across ASEAN. If you would like for our team to visit your research organisation please email us at: asean@euraxess.net

8. Resources

Latest Calls
Here you can find the latest calls on the newly set up Research Participant Portal.

International Cooperation Activities
Access the portal of the European Commission's International Cooperation Activities here.

Other Research Career Sites
Find A Postdoc: http://www.findapostdoc.com/
Find Scholarships in Europe: http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/
Find PhDs in Europe: http://www.phdportal.eu/
Academic Jobs EU: http://www.academicjobseu.com
Euro Science Jobs: http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/
EMBO excellence in life sciences: http://www.embo.org
EuroBrussels: http://www.eurobrussels.com/
Jobs at ITER: http://www.iter.org/jobs
Nature.jobs: http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html
Research Jobs in Germany: Research-in-Germany.de
Scholarship Database of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Brainpower Austria: http://www.brainpower-austria.at/

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