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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) was founded in 1964 by a group of leading European scientists to strengthen research in molecular biology and foster collaboration across Europe. Its establishment was closely linked to the creation of the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC, 1969), which provided intergovernmental support for EMBO's activities. EMBO promotes excellence in the life sciences through initiatives such as the election of distinguished researchers to its membership, the awarding of fellowships and grants, and the organization of scientific meetings, workshops, and training courses. In 1974, EMBO played a central role in establishing the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), an intergovernmental research institution. Today, EMBO continues to support life scientists at all career stages and advocates for science policy across Europe and beyond.

Scope and content

This collection comprises materials relating to the Sectoral Meetings held by EMBO. It contains correspondence, and meeting documents such as programmes, participant lists, and reports. Due to many scientists having primary loyalty to a subsection of molecular biology and therefore a secondary loyalty to molecular biology as a whole, some scientists had the feeling EMBO was not particularly important to their specific sector. The EMBO Council felt that establishing sectoral meetings would be a good way to ensure that the organisation did not miss out on new developments within different areas of the life sciences, and to build up contacts within these areas. It therefore approved meetings with scientists from Neurobiology and Immunology to discuss their impact on society, with a view to holding more meetings on other subsections of the life sciences in the future.

Notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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