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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.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

EMBO's women in science program began in the early 2000s, with a special meeting called "The Glass Ceiling for Women in the Life Sciences" being held in June 2001, and Gerlind Wallon producing a position paper highlighting the issues facing women in the life sciences in December of the same year. In 2002, EMBO established Re-Start Fellowships, the purpose of which was to support women scientists who wanted to return to the bench after having taken a break (e.g. Maternity leave), with 2 year fellowships. In 2006, the Set-Routes initiative was established. For a period of 3 years, The European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and the European Organization for Particle Physics (CERN) managed an initiative to increase the visibility of women in science in education by mobilising "successful women in science, engineering and technology (SET) to go into schools and universities throughout Europe and beyond." This project was funded by the European Commission. In October 2008, EMBO council stated that all EMBO programmes were to keep statistics and have established rules and guidelines that highlight and address the under-representation of women in science, and in that same year the first EMBO/FEBS Women in Science awardee was chosen.

The Women in Science programme has engaged in other activities, including holding meetings, publishing reports on the issues facing women in science in scientific journals, and funding lectures by prominent women scientists.

Scope and content

This collection comprises materials related to the women in science program. It contains reports, correspondence, administrative and organisational documents, meeting documents, posters, DVDs, VHS tapes, posters, and photographs.

Notes

Arrangement

This collection is arranged at the series level.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- EMBO Communities (subject)

Series descriptions

Series WIS-A: Women in Science Meetings

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Series WIS-B: Re-Start Fellowships

Date: 2002-2004 (creation)

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Publication status:

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Series WIS-C: EMBO#FEBS Women in Science Award

Date: 2010-2016 (creation)

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Series WIS-D: Women in Science Reports

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