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Summary information

Repository:	Archive of the European Molecular Biology Organisation
Title:	Young Investigator Program
Reference code:	YIP
Date:	1998-2019 (creation)
Physical description:	29 boxes of paper material.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

The Young Investigator Program scheme was designed from the outset to offer financial support and training opportunities to group leaders with less than four years' experience leading a laboratory. The intention was to support both excellence and maintain a healthy geographic distribution. The scheme was first proposed to the EMBO Council in 1998, who, receiving it favorably, officially accepted it a year later and established a working group with the support of all participating countries. Council subsequently established a selection committee and carried out its first round of selections in 2001, accepting 23 candidates.

The primary allure of the program to applicants seemed from the beginning to be the Networking opportunities. The YIP program offered participants the opportunity to present their work and meet their peers at yearly meetings, access to EMBL core facilities, mentoring opportunities, and even courses for PHD students at participants' laboratories.

In 2005 these networking opportunities expanded to include Laboratory Management Courses (now [Lab Leadership Courses]), designed to empower YIPs with skills in everything from project management to managing laboratory groups.

In 2008 the program created the Special Development Installation Grant. These were established as a Special Project of the EMBC for the purpose of supporting scientists in peripheral nations: The Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Estonia, and were based on and replaced the EMBO/HHMI Startup Grants. Eligibility has since grown to include Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, and Türkiye. By 2011, Council noted the strength of the project, highlighting the promotion of scientists engaging in novel research topics. Through the years the prestige of the award as well as the networking opportunities has provided the greatest motivation to applicants.. YIPs currently receive a financial award of 15,000 euros in their second year, and can also apply for additional small grants of up to 10,000 euros per year. There is currently a network of over 700 YIP alumni.

Scope and content

This Collection was processed at the series-level.

The YIP Administrative Materials series contains documents related to the YIP Working Party meetings, the agreement establishing the YIP as a special program of the EMBC, and agreements signed with participating nations.

The YIP Meetings series contains materials related to annual YIP meetings between 2001-2017. This series includes programs and abstract books, correspondence, surveys, posters, and meeting feedback.

The YIP PHD courses series contains materials related to PHD courses run by the YIP between 2002-2019. This series includes programs and abstract books, correspondence, surveys, posters, and meeting feedback.

The YIP Networking series contains materials related to the financial support the programme offers for a variety of networking opportunities between 2013-2019, namely: conference/meeting support, institute visits, joint group meetings, lab exchanges, sectoral meetings, support for local PHD courses, and for YIPs to act as Jurors at EMBO Meetings. This series includes applications, reports, financial statements, invoices, expense forms, and correspondence.

The HHMI series contains materials related to the partnership between the YIP and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute between 2002-2009. This series includes correspondence, reports, surveys, and minutes.

The Small Grants series contains materials related to Lectures funded by the YIP between 2002-2005, and 2013-2015. This series includes applications, correspondence, reports, and invoices.

The EYSF series contains materials related to the European Young Science Forum meetings organized by YIP between 2008-2016. This series includes programs, abstract reports, correspondence, posters, and reports.

The YIP Awardees series contains applications, booklets, and 3rd year reports related to YIP awardees.

The YIP SDIG series contains materials related to the Special Development Installation Grants initiative. This series includes minutes, agendas, the agreement establishing the SDIG, applications, reports, and contracts.

The YIP Selection Committee series contains agendas, minutes, correspondence, reports, program guides, committee guides, surveys, and statistics relating to the operations of the YIP.

The YIP Laboratory Management Courses series contains programs and course booklets, surveys, financial reports, and posters.

Notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Scientific Programme (subject)