

Successful Cooperation in Visegrad Countries in the Area of Life Sciences

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Led by the University of Debrecen, five Central and Eastern European universities take part in project called „Fostering innovative life science research and competitive biotechnologies in the Visegrad Region” (No. 21420033), funded by the International Visegrad Fund.

The aim of the cooperation is to launch joint research projects, as well as to support the creation of scientific networks in the Central and Eastern European area. The project has resulted in the formation of international research groups, which have been operating together in the following areas of life sciences: neurodegenerative diseases, cardiovascular diseases, life style and stress, nano-biotechnology and imaging, child health and infectious diseases. Since 2011, the international researchers have had the opportunity to present and discuss their latest scientific achievements six times at conferences and networking meetings organized by the project. Three of these meetings took place in Budapest, Hungary, while the other three in Prague, Czech Republic, each time with about a 100 participants.

The University of Debrecen and its project partners will organize the 10th Bridges in Life Sciences Annual Conference in Wroclaw, Poland between 16-18 April 2015, where the programme will start with a plenary session, followed by five different thematic sessions with presentations by renowned European and American scientists. The conference will also provide the opportunity for displaying posters. Besides, young researchers and PhD students will be able to present their scientific work. The scientific publications will be published in the Croatian Medical Journal (2015 April, Vol 56, No 2. www.cmj.hr) thematic issue. One of the sponsors of the event is Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, located in Los Angeles, USA, and the Association for Regional Cooperation in the Fields of Health, Science and Technology (RECOOP HST), led by the Center. This association aims to build international partnerships with Central and Eastern European universities and research institutes. During the association’s meeting on 18th April, the members will determine the most important tasks of the upcoming period.



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