

Successful Cooperation in Visegrad Countries in the Area of Life Sciences

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Led by the University of Debrecen, fourteen Central and Eastern European universities take part in project called “Future of Visegrad Four Families Depends on Healthy Women and Children” (No. 31110035), 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: cancer research, cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, and the prevention of preterm birth. Since 2011, the international researchers have had the opportunity to present and discuss their latest scientific achievements five times at conferences and networking meetings organized by the project. Three of these meetings took place in Budapest, Hungary, while the other two in Prague, Czech Republic, each time with about a 100 participants.

The University of Debrecen and its project partners will organize the 8th *Bridges in Life Sciences* conference in Prague between 5-7 April 2013, where the programme will start with a plenary session, followed by four parallel 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. 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 5 April, the members will determine the most important tasks of the upcoming period.



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