

Belmonte Science Center trains high school teachers in latest scientific methods

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92 teachers meet in Israel from July 20 – 22 at the Belmonte Science Laboratories Center to participate in the EMBO teachers workshop “Frontiers of Molecular Biology”. The workshop comprises scientific lectures from leading researchers and practical experiments. This is the first national workshop in a series of nine EMBO workshops. It follows in the footsteps of the international teachers workshop held in Heidelberg last May, and will be held in English.

"We are overwhelmed by the response from teachers in and outside of Israel," says Izchak Parnas, director of the Belmonte Science Center. "We have such a long waiting list, that we might have to repeat a similar course later in the year. We firmly believe that it is very important to train teachers in the latest scientific methods available.

As teachers can ignite interest for science in young people, this is one way for them to transfer this knowledge. Students after all, are the ones from which up-and coming scientists will be recruited."

The workshop is financed by the European Commission as part of the initiative 'Continuing Education for European Biology Teachers (CeeBT)' – a project coordinated by EMBO. The goal is to provide a new layer of professional development for biology teachers in secondary schools, professionals recognised as crucial to many aspects of future European success in the area of research and development.

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