

IMBA – INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY



→ ABOUT IMBA

The Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) is one of Europe's leading biomedical research institutes. IMBA is located at the Vienna BioCenter, Austria's vibrant cluster of universities, research institutes, and biotech companies. IMBA research topics include chromosome biology, RNA biology, selfish elements and silencing mechanisms, functional genomics, cell and developmental biology, stem cell biology, molecular medicine, neuroscience, organoid research, and disease models.

→ ABOUT THE AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Austrian Academy of Sciences has the statutory mission of "promoting science in every way". Founded in 1847 as a learned society, it now has more than 760 members, 26 research institutes, and around 1,800 employees dedicated to innovative basic research, interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge, and the dissemination of new findings, with the aim of contributing to progress in science and in society as a whole.

→ IMBA PARTNERS WITH THE VIENNA BIOCENTER

The Vienna BioCenter (VBC) is a leading life sciences location in Europe, offering an extraordinary combination of research, education, and business on a single campus. Over 2,800 employees, including more than 2,000 scientists from more than 85 nations create a highly international campus. 145 research groups, 40 biotech companies, and over 5700 students further highlight the dynamic and fast-growing environment.

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SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

PUBLICATIONS*



Over 1/3 of all IMBA publications are in the top 10% most cited articles in their respective fields

Source: InCites dataset accessed March 5, 2024

Publications since IMBA's start of operations in 2003

ERC GRANTS*

Starting	8
Advanced	5
Consolidator	5
Proof of Concept	3
Total	21

EMBO MEMBERSHIPS*

EMBO full members	7
EMBO YIP members**	2

*as of 02/2024

**Young Investigator Programme

RESEARCH GROUPS



Transposon silencing & heterochromatin formation by small RNAs

Transposons, piRNAs, heterochromatin, epigenetics, small RNAs

JULIUS BRENNECKE



Molecular determinants of biological idiosyncrasy

Genomics, selfish elements, speciation, hybrids, complex traits

ALEJANDRO BURGA



Chromosome structure and dynamics

Chromosomes, mitosis, advanced microscopy, genomics, biophysics

DANIEL GERLICH



Theoretical models of chromosome structure

Biophysics, polymer models, computational biology, chromosomes, mitosis, DNA repair, gene regulation

ANTON GOLOBORODKO



Mechanisms of plasticity after brain injury

Brain injury, connectivity, neural networks, circuit plasticity, remodeling

SOFIA GRADE



Dark genome in early mammalian development

Early mammalian development, "dark" genome, 3D genome organization, gene expression, single cell omics

JOANNA JACHOWICZ



Brain development and disease

Stem cells, brain, organoids, neurogenesis, neurons

JÜRGEN KNOBLICH
Interim Scientific Director



Molecular control of human cardiogenesis

Heart development, human pluripotent stem cells, self-organization, cardiac organoids, cardioids

SASHA MENDJAN



Modeling human disease

Embryonic stem cells, organoids, development, cancer, disease, mouse models

JOSEF PENNINGER,
Founding Director & Guest Group



Blastoid development and implantation

Blastoids, stem cells, self-organisation

NICOLAS RIVRON



Macromolecular phase separation in germ cell fate

Phase separation, non-membrane-bound compartments, P granules, nuage, germline cell fate, in vitro reconstitution

SHAMBADITYA SAHA



Vertebrate limb and spinal cord regeneration

Regeneration, stem cells, organoids

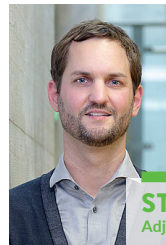
ELLY TANAKA
(Scientific Director (starting: 01/04/2024))



Regulation of neural stem cell quiescence

Brain, adult stem cells, quiescence, niche, metabolism, signaling

NOELIA URBÁN

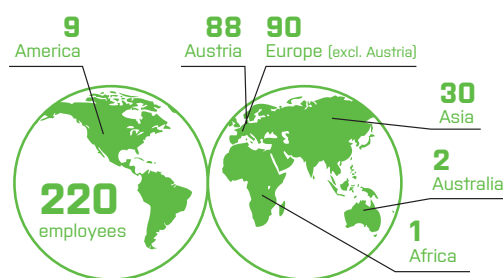


Mechanism and biology of RNA silencing

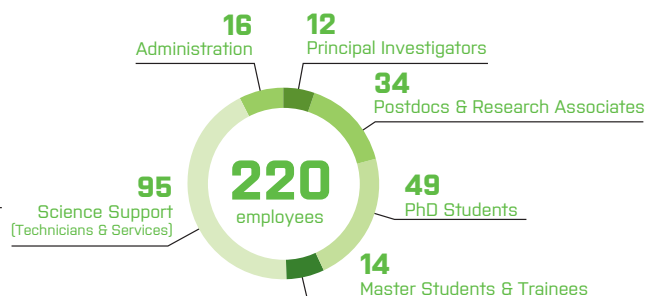
Post-transcriptional gene regulation, RNA biochemistry, RNP enzymology, RNA modifications, small non-coding RNAs

STEFAN AMERES
Adjunct Group Leader

STAFF BY NATIONALITY*



STAFF BY FUNCTION*



NATIONALITIES* (38)

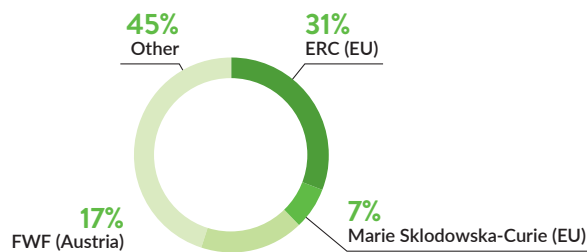
Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA

*as of 03/2024

BUDGET

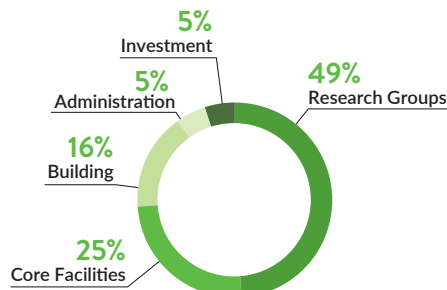
RESEARCH GRANTS

% of total financial volume in 2022



EXPENDITURES

% of total financial volume in 2023



SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES

IMBA is committed to the success of its research groups. We provide extraordinary administrative and scientific support with a broad array of cutting-edge services and facilities. Facilities that are available to IMBA researchers include:

- Advanced Microscopy Facility / BioOptics
- Bioinformatics
- Comparative Medicine
- Computational Biology Training
- Electron Microscopy
- Ethics & Biosafety
- Fly & Worm Facility
- Graphics
- Histology
- Max Perutz Library
- Metabolomics
- Molecular Biology Service
- Next Generation Sequencing
- Preclinical Phenotyping
- Proteomics Facility & Proteomics Tech Hub
- Stem Cell Core Facility
- Transgenic Core Facility
- Vienna Drosophila Resource Center

www.imba.oeaw.ac.at/scientific-facilities
www.vbcf.ac.at

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Together with our neighbors at the Vienna BioCenter, we offer international trainings for all levels of education. Our training programs are designed to prime and/or advance learning of critical skills in science.

Moreover, researchers can profit from a comprehensive seminar program with high caliber international speakers.

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Master's Projects

Vienna BioCenter PhD Program

Vienna International Postdoc program (VIP²)



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