EMBO announced yesterday the selection of 22 young researchers as EMBO Young Investigators. "EMBO Young Investigators gain financial, academic and practical support to advance their careers," says Gerlind Wallon, EMBO Deputy Director and Manager of the Young Investigator Programme. "The status of Young Investigator offers a level of recognition that brings immediate benefits to scientists at an early stage of their careers." The programme targets researchers under forty years of age who have established their first laboratories in the past four years.

In 2012, EMBO received 160 applications for the Young Investigator Programme. The successful candidates come from twelve countries and include the first scientist from Singapore to join the network. Scientists from Singapore can apply to EMBO programmes due to a cooperation agreement between both parties that started in 2011.

The selected young scientists join a network of nearly 300 current and former young investigators that encourages collaboration. The larger network also brings new opportunities for special meetings, which are organized by the young investigator community, such as those in systems biology and genomic instability that took place in Spain and France earlier this year. "The benefits of networking are becoming more apparent each year," states Wallon.

The 22 successful candidates receive 15,000 euros per year for three years directly from the member state where their laboratories are located. The distinction of being an EMBO Young Investigator helps to raise the visibility of young researchers in the life science community. They also receive funding to attend conferences for themselves and their group members, practical training in laboratory management and access to core facilities at EMBL, among other benefits.

**The next application deadline is 1 April 2013.** More information can be found at [www.embo.org/programmes/yip.html](http://www.embo.org/programmes/yip.html).

**2012 EMBO Young Investigators:**
Claus Maria Azzalin, Switzerland
Renata Basto, France
Andrew Carter, United Kingdom
Sonia Garel, France
George Garinis, Greece
Ilona Grunwald-Kadow, Germany
Jacob Hanna, Israel
Eva Hoffmann, United Kingdom
Jacqueline Jacobs, Netherlands
Gregory Jefferis, United Kingdom
David Keays, Austria
Massimo Lopes, Switzerland
Guillermina López-Bendito, Spain
Ron Milo, Israel
Bruno Reversade, Singapore
Thomas Richards, United Kingdom
Rickard Sandberg, Sweden
Melina Schuh, United Kingdom
Evanthia Soutoglou, France
Alexander Stark, Austria
Itai Yanai, Israel
Raz Zarivach, Israel