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## «Basel Life» – Meeting place for European top researchers and young scientists

The first edition of «Basel Life» will take place on 10-13 September 2017 in Basle. The new congress format combines the strengths of Life Science Cluster in Basel and encourages the exchange between basic research, clinic and industry. The opening lecture will be given on Sunday evening at the Opening Ceremony by Sir Paul Nurse, Nobel Prize winner and Director of the Francis Crick Institute, London.

«Basel Life» combines science, technology and business, each of those is represented in an event of global reach.

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) together with some Basle scientists have developed a top class international scientific program for "EMBO at Basel Life". In the «Innovation Forums», leading scientists will showcase their discoveries, their methods and their technology for applied methods. For the past twenty years, the industrial exhibition MipTec has been operating successfully in the life science market and gathers over 100 exhibitors who show their latest products and solutions in research and development.

## Focus on genome, the genetic material of living organisms.

EMBO premiere at Basel Life will be focused on the topic «Genomes in Biology and Medicine».

The two latest issues on the topic are CRISPR and genome sequencing – both methods also have enormous potential for medical applications. On Monday Svante Pääbo from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig

will be the main speaker. On Tuesday Jennifer Doudna, UC Berkeley, Washington, USA will give the Keynote. She is one of the inventors of the CRISPR-Technology.

Throughout the four days of the congress «Basel Life» will be offering a knowledge transfer at the highest international level.

In addition to the three keynote speakers are expected Silvia Arber, neuroscientist from Basel (FMI und Biozentrum) and winner of this year Jeantet Prize, the Portuguese immunologist Caetano Reis e Sousa, second winner (The Francis Crick Institute) and many other high level speakers.

Further information about the program and the registration can be found **www.basellife.org** 

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