



INSTRUCT RECEIVES KEY FUNDING SUPPORT

INSTRUCT is delighted that the United Kingdom's Medical Research Council (MRC) has approved the UK subscription for the first two years of INSTRUCT's operation. The support of the MRC confirms the UK as the host Member State for INSTRUCT. The MRC is providing a subscription of €100,000 over two years.

Professor Dave Stuart, INSTRUCT Coordinator, welcomed the announcement;

"I am delighted that the MRC has formally announced their support of INSTRUCT. INSTRUCT will launch in April 2011 with the aim of acting as a dynamic European hub for integrative structural biology; integrating expertise, state of the art technology platforms and advanced training to enable researchers to better understand complex biological molecules and the role they play in the cell. This will open up the way for innovative approaches to developing new drugs for the prevention and treatment of disease."

INSTRUCT will provide researchers with peer-reviewed access to expertise, training and technology platforms so that they can use integrated approaches that allow them to discover the three-dimensional structure of complex biological structures and their function. The development of these approaches and the collaboration planned with industry through INSTRUCT will also drive technological innovation and result in new and improved equipment.

A number of INSTRUCT Centres across Europe will provide structural biologists and scientists from a range of disciplines and industry sectors access to an infrastructure of cutting edge technology platforms and expertise, together with complementary approaches that are important for integration across techniques. *Centres planning to make their resources available through INSTRUCT include leading institutions in Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, UK and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, subject to national funding being assured.*

INSTRUCT has been developed through three years of preparatory work funded under the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme as part of Europe's roadmap for scientific infrastructures, ESFRI. It has brought together more than 500 biologists from across a wide range of disciplines and 22 countries to create a vision for an integrated infrastructure.

About INSTRUCT

INSTRUCT will launch in April 2011 with the vision of providing breakthroughs in the understanding of life through integrated biology. INSTRUCT aims to achieve this by becoming a major dynamic hub for integrative European structural biology; integrating expertise, state of the art technology platforms and pioneering training to further the frontiers of science.

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Please note: our new website is currently under construction and will launch by April 2011.