

2023 Kafatos Lectures Information and Nomination Form

Nomination deadline for 2023: 11 July 2022

Delivery date for lecture: The year following award announcement

About the Lecture Series

The Kafatos Lecture series aims to honour Fotis' significant contributions to the field of life sciences in Europe and beyond as:

- Influential scientist and mentor
- Founder and first President of the European Research Council (ERC),
- Third Director General of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), and
- Fervent supporter of science outreach activities.

The Lecture series will be coordinated by the EMBL Alumni Association (founded by Fotis Kafatos) and delivered by a past or current ERC grantee in the field of Life Sciences.

Funding of up to €10,000 will be provided for one lecture annually to cover the cost of:

- Honorarium for the speaker (€2,500)
- Travel and accommodation, where relevant, for the speaker and a presenter
- Publicity, marketing material, campaigns
- Filming, necessary animations, live streaming and dedicated online channel
- Simultaneous translations
- Coaching to present to the general public, if relevant
- Venue hire and catering

Who can apply

Academics worldwide can nominate an outstanding (current or past) ERC grantee of their choice. The selection committee selects a speaker based on excellence in public speaking and timeliness of subject matter. Once the selected speaker has accepted the role of Kafatos Lecturer, the Rector or Director of their University or institute as well as the cities' municipality are notified of this honour, and asked to partner with EMBL in offering the Kafatos Lecture at a suitably prestigious and accessible venue in their city for the following year.

Nominations should fulfill the following criteria:

- The nominated speaker must be a past or current ERC grantee in the field of Life Sciences.
- The speaker's field of research should be timely and of interest to the public.

The Kafatos Lectures should abide by the following guidelines:

- The event should take place the year following the selection of the speaker.
- The venue should be suitably prestigious for an eminent lecture series.
- The event must be open to the public at large.
- The lecture should be given keynote status and entitled the "20xx Kafatos Lectures".

How to nominate

Please complete and submit the nomination form together with additional comments for the nominated speaker by 11 July 2022. Nominations should be sent to the EMBL Alumni Relations Office either by email (alumni@embl.org) or by post to the mailing address indicated in the footer.

EMBL supports fair and responsible research assessment, which includes its alumni awards processes. We recognise a range of research outputs including publications, open data sets, databases, code, software, pre-prints, patents, commercial products, instruments, clinical practice developments, educational products, policy publications, and any other relevant outputs. We discourage inappropriate use of proxies such as journal impact factors, and value research outputs based on their intrinsic merit. EMBL is a signatory of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

Selection Committee

Chair

Iain Mattaj, FRS FRSE

Director, Human Technopole, Milan, Italy

(EMBL Director General, 2005-2018)

Vice Chair

Dame Janet Thornton, DBE FRS FMEDSCI FRSC

Senior Scientist and Director Emeritus, EMBL-EBI

Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (2000)

Joint Vice President of ERC (2019-2020)

(EMBL-EBI Director, 2001-2015)

Anne Ephrussi

Director of the EMBL International Centre for Advanced Training (EICAT), and

EMBL Head of Developmental Biology Unit

Roberto Di Lauro

Professor Emeritus, University of Naples Federico II

Commendatore for merit of the Italian republic (2007)

(EMBL Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) member (2005-2011) including a period as Chair of SAC (2010-2011)

EMBL Group Leader (1986-91))

Babis Savakis

Vice Chair of the Scientific Council, Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation;

Professor Emeritus of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Medical School, University of Crete;

and Associate Researcher, Alexander Fleming Biomedical Research Centre, Athens

Senior Advisor to the President of ERC (2006-2008)

(EMBL Council delegate (2003-2016) including a period as Chair of Council (2007-2009))

The 2023 Fotis Kafatos Lectures - Nomination Form

Please complete and submit this nomination form **together with:**

- additional considerations deemed necessary by the nominator (max 100 words).

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Nominations should be emailed / posted to the Alumni Relations Office no later than 11 July 2022.

ABOUT THE NOMINATOR

Title

First name

Surname

Current work position

Current work institution

City

Country

Phone (*incl. country code*)

E-mail

ABOUT THE PROPOSED SPEAKER

Title

First name

Surname

Gender Male Female Non binary

Nationality

Current work position

Current work institution

Current work address

Country

URL of homepage

Phone (*incl. country code*)

E-mail

Topic of ERC award

Year of ERC award

Public talks (Where possible include URL links, e.g. speaker on YouTube)

Justification for choice of speaker

Please address

- (i) major scientific achievements and / or science and society activities and
- (ii) orator qualities (max 150 words)