

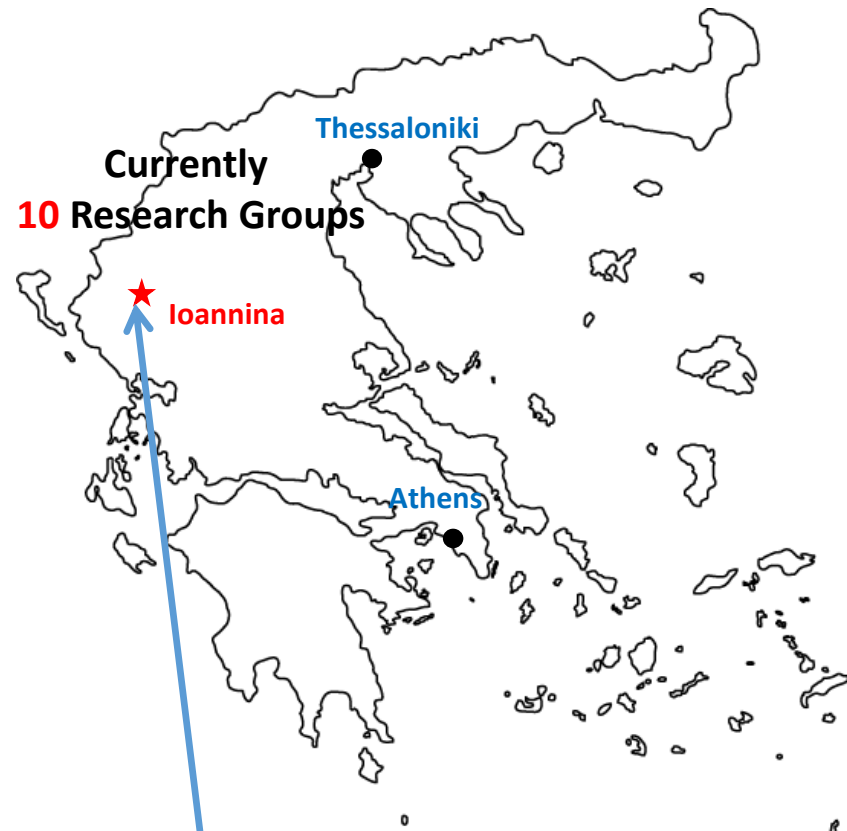
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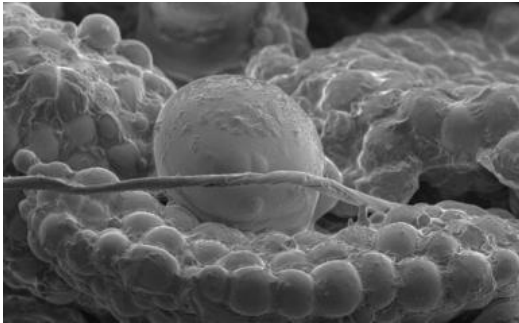
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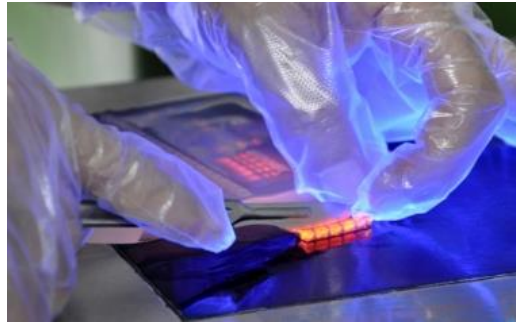
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# Current Research Activities at IMBB



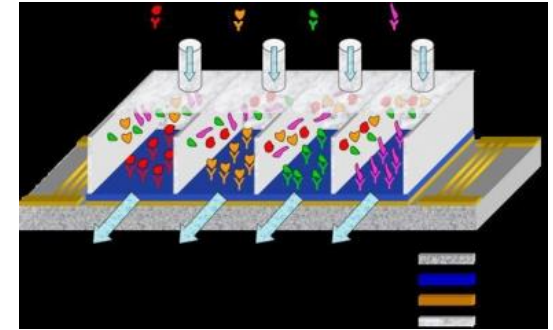
## NEUROSCIENCES

- Neural Development
- Computational Neuroscience
- Neurogenetics & Neuronal Ageing



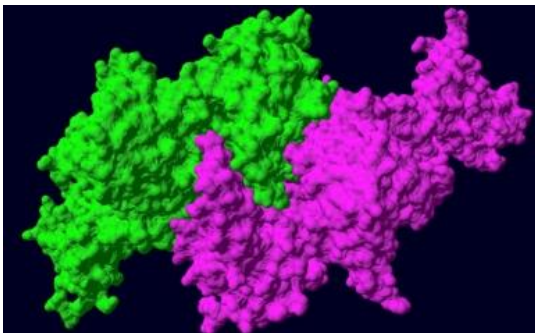
## DEVELOPMENT & GENE EXPRESSION

- Gene Regulation / Epigenetics
- Chromatin & Gene Expression
- Plant Biology



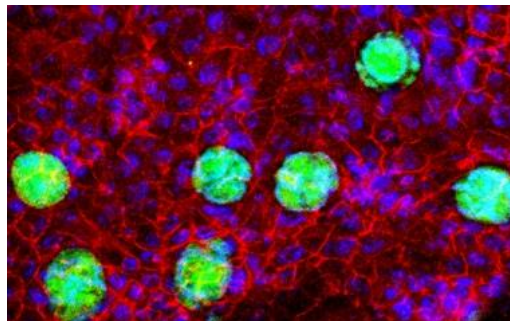
## NANO / BIOTECHNOLOGY

- Biosensors
- Enzyme Technology & Genomics



## STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

- Protein Trafficking
- Protein Structure



## INFECTIONS & IMMUNITY

- Pest & Disease Control
- Cellular & Molecular Immunology
- Inflammation & Cancer



## BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH (Ioannina)

- Endothelial Biology
- Epigenetics
- Stem Cells/Differentiation
- Meta-analysis

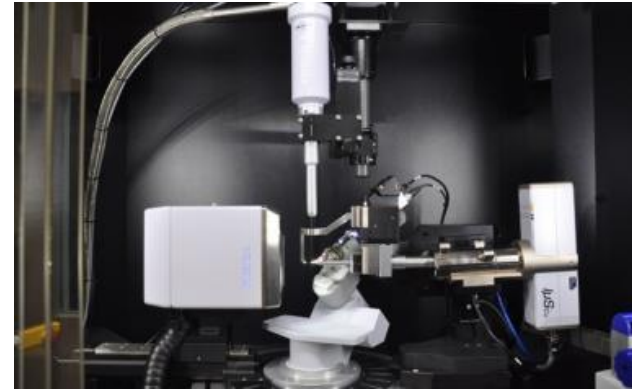


# IMBB Facilities



## *Cells & Animals*

Animal House, Gene Targeting Facility, Flyroom-Insectarium, Electrophysiology Unit, FACS-sorting, Histology Lab, Stem Cell Lab



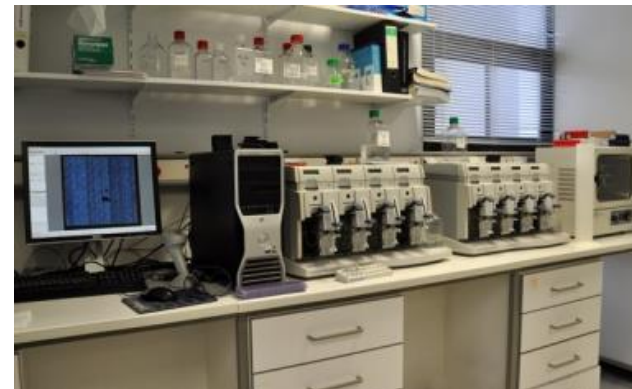
## *Molecular Analysis*

Fermentation, Protein Purification, Protein Crystallography Services, Biomolecule Analysis, Biophysical Analysis - Biosensors



## *Biological Imaging*

Multiphoton Microscopy, Confocal Microscopy, Advanced Cell Imaging, Gel Imaging



## *Omics*

Proteomics, Next Generation Sequencing

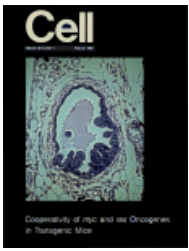
# IMBB Researchers and Achievements

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- **5** awarded **ERC grants**
- **8** IMBB Researchers elected **EMBO members**
- **5 EMBO Young Investigator Awards**

**... since its establishment**

<b>Publications</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Cit/Pub</b>	<b>Pub/Res/Y</b>	<b>Patents</b>	<b>PhD</b>
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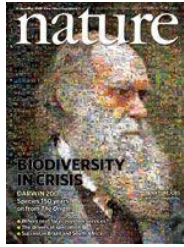
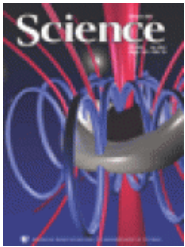
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## Cell – Nature- Science

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Curr. Biol; Cell Met; Cancer Cell; Immunity; Genes Dev; EMBO  
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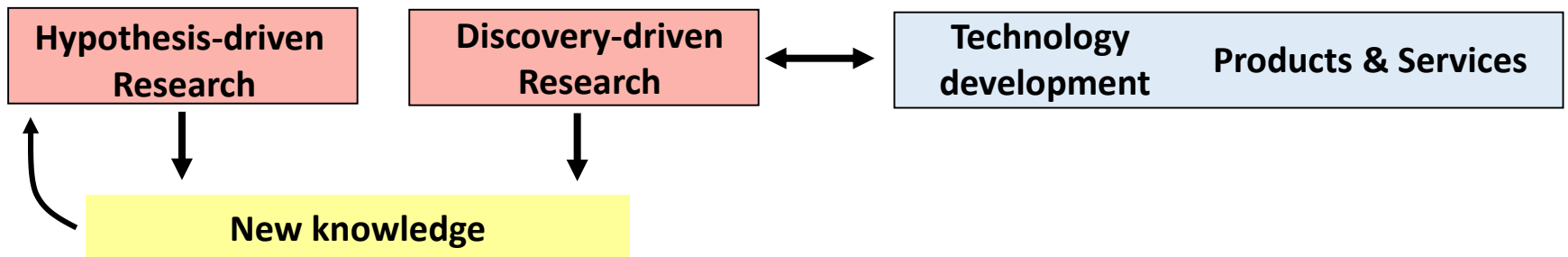
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# IMBB Current and Future Challenges

IMBB aims at conducting frontier research in specific fields of modern **Biology**



**Funding – Facilities – Critical mass of Researchers –  
Multidisciplinary Research**



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[\$\beta\$ 4 integrin-dependent formation of polarized three-dimensional architecture confers resistance to apoptosis in normal and malignant mammary epithelium](#)

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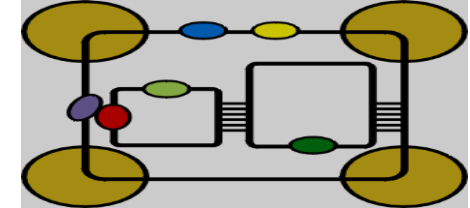
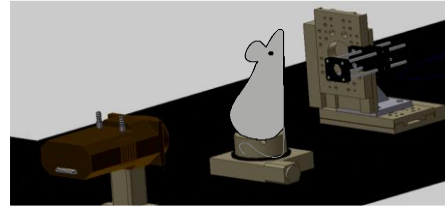
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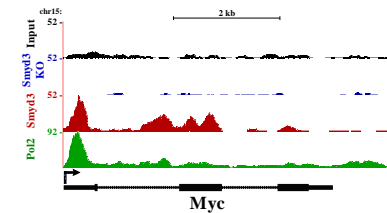
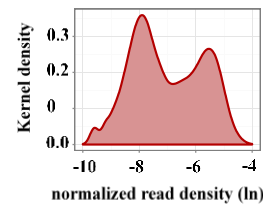
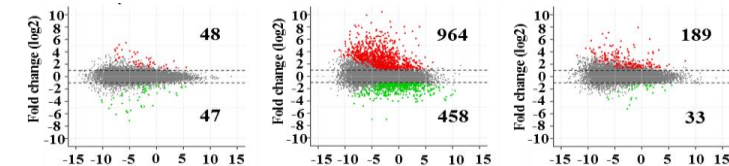
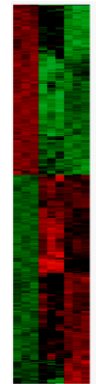
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Bio-imaging  
Nanobiotechnology  
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**High Risk – High Gain**

Bioinformatics  
**ICS - IACM**



**Low Risk – High Gain**

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**Our aspiration:  
Maintain IMBB as a favorable environment,  
for frontier research in biomedical sciences**

**Tighter collaborations with labs at FORTH  
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