



Two young Greek researchers make an important discovery

The research team of the Institute for Molecular Technology headed by Dr. Nektarios Tavernarakis discovered one of the main mechanisms causing degeneration and destruction of the nerve cells. Dr. Popi Sidichaki also participated in the research team.

The results of the research team were published in the scientific journal 'Nature'. The Institute for Molecular Biology is part of the Institute of Technology and Research in Crete.

The logo of the Greek EU presidency - first half of 2003



The Greek EU presidency logo for the first half of 2003 depicts a swallow, symbol of spring, an olive branch and the star of the EU flag.

The logo which makes allusions to the EU enlargement - the "spring of Europe" - was designed by Pavlos Xenadakis. The artwork was chosen among 250 proposals. The decision was taken by a committee set by the ministry of

Foreign Affairs and chaired by Panagiotis Gravalos. The logo was officially presented at the Athens Music Hall (Megaron Mussikis). Tassos Giannitsis, the deputy Foreign minister, held a talk.

Erevnontas will publish more details about the event in the coming issue.

The Greek EU presidency logo will decorate Erevnontas articles on relevant issues.

The Third National Committee for Competitiveness holds a conference in November

"The improvement of the competitiveness of the Greek economy should also be a concern for Greek enterprises, and the deregulation of the labour market is not a necessary condition for obtaining it," stressed the Greek prime minister Kostas Simitis during a conference by the Third National Committee for Competitiveness held in Athens on November 19th. The Greek prime minister also talked about how new technologies are implemented by new founded enterprises.

The conference closed with the Greek minister of Development Akis Tsohantzopoulos announcing the decisions taken by it. These include the creation of a national system for measuring competitiveness and the establishment of Regional Committees for Competitiveness. "We are interested in a national competitiveness model that regards competitiveness on the economic and the social level as two sides of the same policy," said the minister of Development in his speech earlier.

