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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**IMBB researcher is elected member of the Academy of Europe**

**Nektarios Tavernarakis, a Research Director at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IMBB) of the Foundation of Research and technology Hellas (FORTH), and a Professor- at the Medical School of the University of Crete was today elected a member of the Academy of Europe (Academia Europaea).**

Membership to this prestigious international Academy is bestowed to scientists who have made seminal contributions and achievements towards promoting science, and is an important recognition of the scientific excellence and the highly competitive research conducted at FORTH and the University of Crete.

Nektarios Tavernarakis' research focuses on cell death, neurodegeneration and ageing, For his scientific accomplishments, Nektarios Tavernarakis has received several notable scientific prizes including a European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Investigator grant award, the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator award, the International Human Frontier in Science Program Organization (HFSP) long-term postdoctoral fellowship, the Frederick E. G. Valergakis Post-Graduate Research Grand Program Academic achievement award of the Hellenic University Club of New York, the Bodossaki Foundation Scientific Prize for Medicine and Biology, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel research award, the Empeirikeion Foundation Academic Excellence Prize, and the Research Excellence award of the Foundation for Research and Technology. Prof. Tavernarakis is also an elected member of EMBO.

For more information, please visit the relevant web page of Academia Europaea: [http://www.ae-info.org/ae/User/Tavernarakis\\_Nektarios](http://www.ae-info.org/ae/User/Tavernarakis_Nektarios)