

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO ORGANIZE WORKSHOPS “CURRENT TRENDS IN BIOMEDICINE”

In the framework of the priority field of Biomedicine, the International University of Andalusia (UNIA) will continue in 2021 the programme “**Current Trends in Biomedicine**”, started in 2004.

The goal of these workshops is to promote international cooperation and scientific exchange in the area of Biomedicine. In particular, the workshops aim at fostering the interaction of Andalusian researchers with the whole international scientific community.

Instructions of the call for proposals “Current Trends in Biomedicine”:

1. Dates.

The workshops will be held at the “Sede Antonio Machado”, in Baeza (Andalusia, Spain), during October and November 2021.

Precise dates within that period will be determined by the UNIA, once the general program is decided. In any case, suggestions about dates would be considered, if possible.

2. Indications about organization.

The duration of the workshops will be three days (two full days and the third one with just a morning session).

The working language will be English.

The workshops include sessions with scientific talks given by the speakers, and poster sessions presented by the participants.

The total number of speakers is, in general, a maximum of 15 (organizers included).

The maximum number of speakers from non-European countries is 6 (organizers included). Geographical origin is referred to the country in which the research centre is located and not to nationality or birthplace of the speaker.

It is recommended (not obligatory) that at least 30% of speakers are women (organizers included).

The maximum number of participants is 35. Therefore, the workshops will have a maximum total attendance of around 50 people.

Participants will also contribute scientifically to the workshop by presenting a poster to communicate their results.

The organizers will select some posters, so that their authors also present their results with a short talk.

3. Proposal submission.

Proposals can be submitted by highly experienced and prestigious researchers in the corresponding field, with any academic degree or professional category.

Organizers can be three as maximum, and they will be speakers too.

Researchers who organized a workshop "Current Trends in Biomedicine" in 2017 or later editions cannot submit a proposal.

Proposals to organize workshops "**Current Trends in Biomedicine**" must be sent by e-mail until **June 30th 2020** (included), to the following address:

Biomed@unia.es

Proposals must be written in English, and must include:

- Workshop title.
- Curriculum vitae of the organizers.
- Description of the workshop subject (3 pages).
- Justification of its interest (2 pages).
- Justified list of invited speakers, indicating 3 selected publications of the last 5 years for each speaker.
- Draft or preliminary program of the workshop, indicating the scientific sessions and relating the speakers with the corresponding titles or topics of their talks.
- Positive responses of the invited speakers (or most of them).
- Co-funding institutions and funding commitment (if any).

4. Selection.

Proposals will be analyzed and evaluated by the Advisory Board for Biomedicine of the UNIA, who will report their conclusions to the Postgraduate Studies Committee.

The Advisory Board for Biomedicine of the UNIA is composed of the following members:

- **José López-Barneo** (Instituto de Biomedicina de Sevilla (IBiS), Hospital Universitario Virgen del Rocío/CSIC/Universidad de Sevilla, Spain). Coordinator of the Programme of Workshops "Current Trends in Biomedicine".
- **Aurora Bueno Cavanillas** (Departamento de Medicina Preventiva y Salud, Pública, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Granada).
- **Josep Casadesús** (Departamento de Genética, Facultad de Biología, Universidad de Sevilla).
- **José Luis Gómez-Skarmeta** (Centro Andaluz de Biología del Desarrollo (CABD), CSIC/ Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla).
- **Diego Rodríguez Puyol** (Departamento de Medicina y Especialidades Médicas y Servicio de Nefrología, Hospital Universitario Príncipe de Asturias, Universidad de Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares, Madrid).

The Advisory Board will select a maximum of four proposals and will forward them to the Postgraduate Studies Committee, considering the following criteria, with the following priority order:

- Scientific quality of the proposal
- International relevance in the corresponding field of the organizers and invited speakers.
- Relationships of the organizers with scientific institutions of Andalusia.
- Sponsorship by some public or private institution linked to the workshop topic and co-funding commitment.
- Geographical origin of speakers as varied as possible.
- Firm contacts made by the organizers with the invited speakers, showing a clear will and intention from them in order to participate in the corresponding workshop.
- Serious commitment by organizers or invited speakers in order to write a meeting review or report (after the workshop) and publish it in a good scientific journal, with a satisfactory Science Citation Index.

5. Approval.

Selected and non-selected proposals will be forwarded to the Board of Governance of the International University of Andalusia (UNIA) for the final decision.

Once a proposal is approved by the Board of Governance of the UNIA, the organizers will be in contact with the Vice-Chancellor of Permanent Education and Quality.

6. Responsibility of the organizers.

The organizers will decide, according to their proposal, the aim and schedule of the corresponding workshop. They will issue the final invitation to the speakers once the workshop date is fixed definitively, requesting a positive answer from them. At a proper time, the organizers will design the final workshop program and scientific sessions.

It is particularly important that organizers are actively involved in the dissemination and publicity of the workshop as well as in the recruitment of participants.

The organizers will send a brief scientific report to the University after the workshop with suggestions and comments.

7. Invited speakers.

Invited speakers must be related to the workshop topic and will be selected according to academic and professional criteria. They must be top-level, highly experienced investigators in the corresponding field.

In any case, speakers (organizers included) must send the abstract of their talks in the period established by the organizers.

Organizers and invited speakers will not receive an honorarium for their lectures. They will be subject to the rules established by the Management of the University concerning travel and accommodation arrangements.

8. Funding.

The Program Workshops “Current Trends in Biomedicine”, 2021, will be funded by the UNIA from the general budget, for the items and amount proposed by the University Board of Governance.

However, it is essential for the UNIA that proposals consider the collaboration with public or private institutions for funding or institutional support.

To that effect, the organizers must be actively involved in negotiations in order to get sponsorships that contribute with economic resources to the funding of the workshop. It is very advisable to establish in advance the co-funding commitments already existing.