

# RDO News

January 2012



## Welcome note

Dear colleague,

We have all had a great start to 2012 with the celebrations for Obaid's birthday and NCBS' anniversary. A time to remind ourselves about the origins of our institution and to consider what the year ahead holds for all of us.

2012 promises some significant changes in the way our funding-related information and submissions are managed. The DBT have recently introduced eProMIS, a new online application system (<http://dbtepromis.nic.in> or <http://dbtepromis.gov.in>) for managing proposal submissions and grant administration. In addition, the RDO has also initiated the development of an in-house document management system for internal use on the campus (Page 2).

Activities on the Bangalore Biocluster campus continue to expand and to best support this growth, the RDO has recently recruited two more scientist administrators (Page 3).

With best wishes for 2012,

Savita Ayyar

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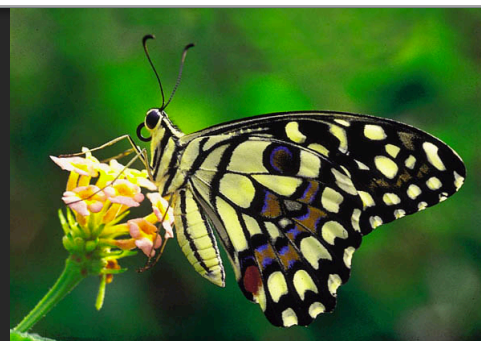
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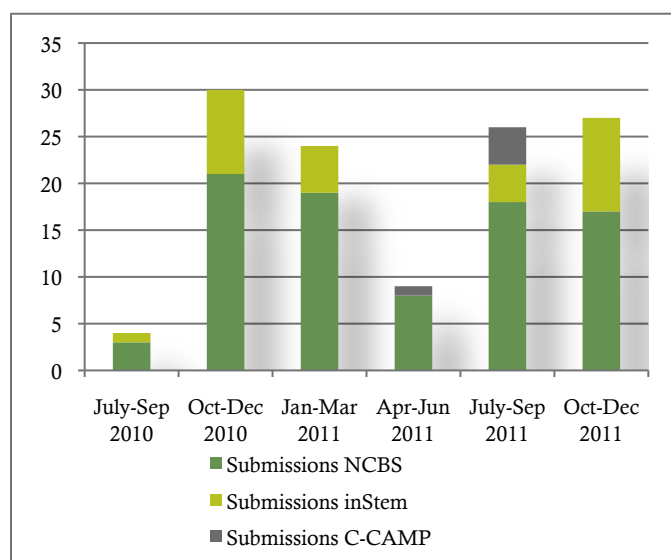
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## Document Management System for the RDO



The RDO was initiated in July 2010 and the first set of our activities involved streamlining processes for submitting and tracking grant applications from the Biocluster to Indian agencies such as DBT and DST. As of December 2011, we have now handled submissions to 20 different funding agencies. Commensurate with this increasing diversity of funding sources there has been a rise in the absolute number of applications handled by the RDO at both preliminary and final submission stages (chart for quarterly submission figures).



To keep pace with the increasing amount of grant-related information within the Office and to plan ahead for future submissions, we have initiated the development of an online document management system for the RDO. While this new Grant Management System (GMS) is primarily intended for us to be able to store and retrieve documents related to individual grants, it will also facilitate timely reporting to the Agencies and information tracking for internal purposes. The GMS also has a separate PI interface that will allow PIs to view details of their pending, current, past and withdrawn grants along with reporting schedules as per the specific agency's requirements.

Over the next few months, the RDO will work to implement the GMS in collaboration with grant holders. In this context, new starter Vijayalakshmi Babu may contact you to verify details of your proposals and awarded grants and also to get your feedback on usability of the system from your perspective.

### Awarded grant

Dr Krushnamegh Kunte, Ramanujan Fellowship, Rs 73 lakhs, 60 months

## New starters



### **Baishali Goswami, External Liaison Officer**



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I completed my undergraduate and post graduate studies in human physiology from the University of Calcutta. To further my knowledge, I moved on to Cambridge, UK to do a PhD on the interaction between trophoblast cells and endothelial cells from the human placenta.

My work at the Bangalore Biocluster will serve to raise the profile of campus research and training activities among the external community and will include contributing to the organisation of visitor events and developing publicity materials.

### **Vijayalakshmi Babu, Grants Adviser (wef 1 February 2012)**



After completing my Ph.D at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, I first pursued postdoctoral research at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of British Columbia, Canada. Subsequently I joined the Department of Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Utah, USA for further postdoctoral training.

I will be involved in initiating and managing the inStem regulatory office dealing with issues of biosafety, animal ethics and stem cells, aid in implementing the Grant Management System, post-award reporting and other grant – related activities of the RDO.

## Forthcoming deadlines- Group leaders



The following section provides brief details of funding schemes relevant to Group leaders and with deadlines for submission in the period January-May 2012. These details can also be accessed at <http://www.ncbs.res.in/rdo/forthcoming-deadlines>, where the data will be updated as and when specific deadline information becomes available. Please contact the RDO if you intend to submit a proposal to any of these schemes so that we can plan ahead and assist as required.

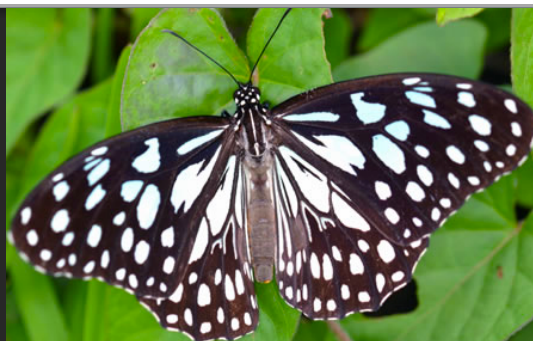
Agency	Scheme	Comments	Tenable at	Agency Deadline
Equipment:	Fund for improvement of S&T infrastructure (FIST)		India	Jan/Feb each year
DBT:	BioCAre. Research Grant Opportunity (RGO)	For women scientists for whom this is the first grant. Provides funds for salary support and project grant of 25-50 lakhs for personnel, equipment, travel etc	India	To Be Announced Jan-Feb 2012
DBT:	BioCAre. Career Re-orientation Fellowship (CRF)	For women scientists to train in skills reqd for career change. LOI reqd.	India	To Be Announced Jan-Feb 2012
DST (SERC):	Swarnajayanti Fellowships		India	To be Announced, Jan-Feb 2012
IBM - IUSSTF:	Visiting Fellowships in Nanotechnology (Thomas J. Watson Research Laboratory New	Nanotechnology research at Thomas J. Watson Research Laboratory New York.	Thomas J. Watson Research Laboratory New York.	To be announced, expected Jan 2012
International Foundation for Science (IFS):	IFS Research Grant	Funds research projects related to the sustainable utilisation of the biological and/or water resource base.	India	29-Jan-12
National Institute of health (NIH):	Global Research Initiative Program, Basic/Biomedical Sciences (R01)	For AIDS research	India	LOI due date 9-Feb-12. Full application due by 9-Mar-12
EARTHWATCH: Institute: US/International:	Research Grants		No nationality restrictions	Concept notes can be submitted at any time, full research proposals if invited due in Feb 2012

## Forthcoming deadlines- Group leaders (continued)



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DST/ Swiss Program Office	Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme Personnel Exchange Programme	Collaborative travel	India/Switzerland collaborative travel	15-Feb-12
National Institute of health (NIH)/ DBT	U.S. - India Bilateral Brain Research Collaborative Partnerships (U.S. India BRCP) (R21)	Funds research focussed on neurological, mental and addictive disorders	India/US collaborative project	LoI due 22-Feb 2012, full applications due 22-Mar-2012 pre-registration by 21 Mar-2012 and LOI submission deadline 28-Mar-2012
Human Frontier in Science Program (HFSP)	Young Investigator's grants	India eligible	India	pre-registration by 21 Mar-2012 and LOI submission deadline 28-Mar-2012
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BBSRC, DFID, UK; DBT, ICAR, India	Sustainable crop production research for International Development	Needs UK collaborator	India	To be announced Expected Mar 2012
Gates	Grand Challenges Explorations	Pump-priming funding for initial ideas, however topics are health-related.	No restrictions	Round 9 expected to open Mar-2012
Gates/ICICI Knowledge Park (IKP)	IKP-Grand Challenges Explorations	R&D that will lead to new drugs, medical devices, vaccines, diagnostics, delivery systems and service models for equitable healthcare	No restrictions	To be announced, expected Apr 2012
Indo French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research IFCPAR	Indo-French Collaborative research projects	Needs French collaborator	India/France collaborative travel	1 April and 1 Oct each year
National Institute of health (NIH)	International Research in Infectious Diseases, including AIDS (R01)	For non-AIDS research. US or international collaboration encouraged but not mandatory	India	LOI due 23-Apr-12. Full application due 23-May-2012
DBT/NIBIB/NIH	INDO-U.S. JOINT PROPOSALS IN THE AREA OF LOW COST MEDICAL DEVICES	Technology development	India	26-Jan, 24-May, 23-Sep-2011
Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	Margdarshi Fellowship	Relocation of scientific leaders from their current position in India or overseas to a non-profit institute in India	India	To be Announced, expected May 2012
DBT/Academy of Finland	INDO-FINLAND Joint Call for proposals in Food Biotechnology	Needs Collaborator in Finland	India/Finland	To be Announced expected May 2012
DST/ MINCYT, Argentina	Indo-Argentine Bilateral scientific cooperation	Needs argentine collaborator, field funded include biotechnology applied to agri-food security	India/Argentina	To be Announced expected May 2012
DST/ Spanish Ministry of Science and innovation (MICINN)	Indo-Spain Joint Programme of cooperation in Science and Technology	Collaborative travel for nanotechnology, health and medical research	India/Spain	To be Announced, Expected May 2012
International Brain research Organization (IBRO)	IBRO-APRC Exchange Fellowship	scientific exchange in the Asia-Pacific region, for training in the field of neuroscience	Asia Pacific exchange	To be announced Expected Mar 2012

## Forthcoming deadlines- Early career researchers

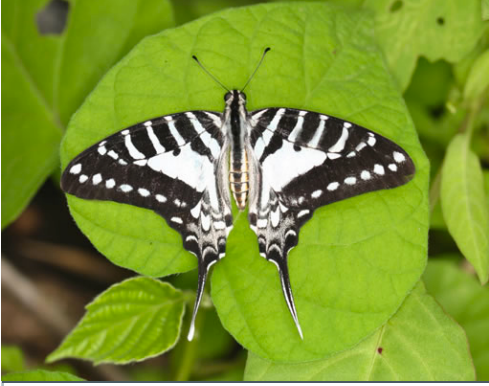


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la Caixa Foundation (Spain)	"la Caixa"/ CRG International fellowship programme (CRG, Spain)	For pursuing PhD in biomedical research at Center for Genomic regulation, Barcelona, Spain	CRG, Spain	13-Feb-12
International Brain research Organization (IBRO)	International Research fellowship (any overseas developed country)	postdoctoral research in the field of neuroscience	India (for non-Indians)	01-Mar-12
la Caixa Foundation (Spain)	"la Caixa"/ CRG International Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Programme (INTERPOD)	For interdisciplinary postdoctoral research at CRG, Spain	CRG, Spain	16-Mar-12
Company of biologists	Travel Grants	apply through appropriate journals websites, J. Cell Sci., Dev., J. Exp Biol., Disease models and mech.	international	30-Apr, 31 Aug, 31 Dec-11
British Academy and Royal Society, UK	Newton International Fellowship (UK)	postdoctoral fellowship for research in UK, needs UK sponsor		To be Announced, Expected. Apr 2012

### Post-award grant reporting

As part of the contractual obligations on awarded grants, funding agencies require periodic reports both on scientific progress and on expenditures on grants. The RDO has now started handling dispatch of coordinated scientific and financial progress reports to agencies as per their unique requirements. If you have received any communication from your awarding agency regarding their follow-on reporting requirements, please be in touch with the RDO and we can help coordinate the process.



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