

## **EUROMEDITERRANEAN BIOMEDICAL JOURNAL (EMBJ) TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR GRANTS FROM THE ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH DEDICATED TO YOUNG RESEARCHERS.**

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### **ABSTRACT**

EuroMediterranean Biomedical Journal (EMBJ) can be considered both a scientific journal and a learning tool for “researchers-in-training” coming from Euro-Mediterranean Countries and other areas of the globe. We announce the launch of an international call for grants from Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS, the Italian National Institute Health), reserved to young Italian and foreign researchers. We strongly encourage the junior researchers that have authored manuscripts published in EMBJ to consider the application to this extraordinary opportunity.

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### **Editorial**

Since 2012, the EuroMediterranean Biomedical Journal (EMBJ), formerly “Capsula Eburnea”, has been stimulating the interest of young medical and biomedical doctors toward research on medicine, biomedicine, biotechnology, motor sciences, medical psychology, and general interest topics in medicine [1].

To this end, an increasing number of original manuscripts, including research articles, original reports, reviews, case reports, commentaries and technical notes, submitted by young fellows or specialist-in-training, PhD students, post-doc fellows and junior researchers, have been published [2]. And the number of submissions has no declined even during the current pandemic emergency.

We believe that the quality of the manuscripts published in the Journal has significantly improved over the years as witnessed by the growing international interest in and participation to the editorial activities [2].

To date, the wider international audience of EMBJ has included contributions from junior researchers operating beyond of the Euro-Mediterranean area (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Poland, Bosnia, Romania, Latvia, Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt), also involving authors from other areas of the globe (Ghana, Mozambique, South Africa, India, Indonesia, Malesia, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, United States of America).

Moreover, as manuscripts are peer-reviewed from a panel of international expert tutors guiding the authors to improve their papers and a policy about self-referencing has been implemented as well [2, 3], EMBJ can be considered both a scientific journal and a learning tool for “researchers-in-training” [1, 2].

For all the above-mentioned reasons, we are delighted to announce the launch of an international call for grants from the ISS reserved to young Italian and foreign researchers [4].

ISS is the leading Italian research institute for public health, serving as technical-scientific body of the Italian Ministry of Health and the regional health Authorities [5].

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Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, whereas Italy was the epicentre of the first SARS-CoV-2 epidemic wave within the Euro-Mediterranean macro area [6], the ISS has been providing scientific evidence and support to the Italian National Health Service (NHS).

Anyway, its areas of interest range from communicable, non-communicable and rare diseases, to risks from environmental exposures and climate change, promotion of correct lifestyles according to a “life course” approach, mental health, pathological addictions and doping, drugs, food safety, nutrition, chemistry, radiation, innovative technologies, and telemedicine [5].

In this kaleidoscopic scientific framework, the Italian NIH aims to promote and support biomedical research of excellence through a call for applications reserved for young researchers under the age of 33 on the expiry date of the call and in possession of a PhD or a specialization qualification, in the case of graduates in medicine and surgery. This initiative will allow a €100,000 funding per each research project - to be presented in one of the strategic research areas of the Institute - and will assign to each a granted young investigator a gross economic treatment of € 40,000 for each year of the project. Applications must be submitted online until January 17, 2022 [7].

Therefore, we strongly encourage the junior researchers that have authored manuscripts published in EMBJ to consider the application to this extraordinary opportunity.

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