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Austrian Life Scientists Unify

In Vienna, just recently a new strong association of life scientists has been founded with the Austrian Association of Molecular Life Sciences and Biotechnology (ÖGMBT). The new association representing about 1000 scientists in Austria, comes to life through the amalgamation of three parent associations, namely the ÖGBT (Austrian Society for Biotechnology), ÖGGGT (Austrian Association for Genetics and Genetic Engineering) and the ÖGBM (Austrian Association for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).

A constitutional General Meeting, held in the Institute of Molecular Pathology in Vienna, conquered the last barrier resulting in the election of the board of governors as well as an advisory board consisting of twelve heads. Members of the board of governors are Prof. Hans Grunicke (Medical University Innsbruck), president and Prof. Josef Glöbl (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences) and Prof. Dr. Helmut Schwab (Graz University of Technology) the first and second vice-presidents.

The new association aims to support interdisciplinary cooperations, to aggravate public relation and university extension and to intensify the cooperation between science and industry. The ÖGMBT will be represented by regional branches all over Austria and will focus on the sponsorship for young scientists. The prominence of Life Sciences is rising steadily for our every day's life. At the same time, the particular disciplines, fundamental research as well as the development of technology, cross-link and go from strength to strength. "By founding a strong scientific association, we will allow these progressions.", comments Prof. Hans Grunicke, the new president of the ÖGMBT.