

MDC Welcomes Berlin Senate Decision

The MDC welcomes the decision of the Senate of Berlin to allocate approximately EUR 30 million for the new building of the Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology (BIMSB) of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) on Campus Nord of Humboldt University Berlin (HU). The BIMSB building will be 5500 m² in size and provide research and office space for around 300 employees. The annual operating costs of approximately EUR 20 million will be shared by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (90 percent) and by the State of Berlin (10 percent).

Prof. Walter Rosenthal, scientific director of the MDC, said: "This will enable us to intensify our collaboration with Humboldt University Berlin and the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin and also to cooperate closely with other research institutions located on Campus Nord." Just last week, the MDC, Humboldt University, and the Charité announced joint plans to found and build up an Integrative Research Institute (IRI) for the Life Sciences on Campus Nord. Here one research area will be systems biology.

The BIMSB of the MDC is currently located on Campus Berlin-Buch in the northeastern part of the city. It was founded in 2008 by the MDC with pilot funding of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Senate of Berlin. Medical Systems Biology focuses on molecular networks of genes and proteins, their regulation and interaction with each other and their relevance in disease processes. The BIMSB of the MDC collaborates closely not only with research institutions in Berlin but also with New York University in the U.S.

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