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PRESS RELEASE

Professor George A. Garinis awarded with the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award



George A, Garinis, Professor of Genetics at the department of Biology at the University of Crete and affiliated group leader at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IMBB) of the Foundation of Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), is the recipient of the prestigious Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel International Research Award of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The official award ceremony will take place in Bamberg, Germany in March 2020.

The award is granted in recognition of a researcher's entire achievements to date to academics whose fundamental discoveries, new theories, or insights have had a significant impact on their own discipline and who are expected to continue producing cutting-edge achievements in the future.

It is worth noting that only seven Greek Scientists have received this Award, all of them from Crete, six of whom are Researchers or Collaborating Faculty Members of FORTH!

Award winners are honored for their outstanding research record and are invited to spend a period of up to one year cooperating on a long-term research project with specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany. The Humboldt Foundation grants about 20 Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Awards annually.

The award recognizes Prof. George A. Garinis' research in understanding how DNA damage contributes to aging and age-related diseases. The award will support Prof. George A. Garinis' collaboration with his nominator, Prof. Dr. Björn Schumacher at CECAD, in the University of Cologne in Germany.

More info:

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