

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft in Tucson

The Max-Planck-Gesellschaft has long been famous for its many scientific institutes in Germany. As of 1 January 1996 the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft and the University of Arizona, USA, agreed to "... establish scientific cooperation in the area of protein synthesis and its regulation." Alap R. Subramanian, who is well known for his work on plant ribosomes and ribosomal proteins at the Max-Planck-Institut für Molekulare Genetik in Berlin-Dahlem, will join the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Arizona as a Research Professor of Biochemistry. His research there will be part of the "MPG-University of Arizona Cooperation Program."

Declining Support for Molecular Biology of Algae

In separate developments both Canada and the United States have shut down major programs concerned with the molecular biology of algae. Last year *Michael Reith* and *Susan Douglas* at the Institute of Marine Biosciences in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, were transferred from research on algae to research on fish. This year, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, USA, shut down all research on the biochemistry and molecular biology of microalgae. Scientists involved in the Colorado project were *Terri Dunahay*, *Paul Roessler*, *Eric Jarvis*, and *Kate Zeiler*.

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