

ABOUT FEBS, BIOKEMISK FORENING, GROWING UP AND BEING INVOLVED

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In 2013 FEBS awarded Prof. Erwin F. Wagner from the Genes, Development and Disease Group, CNIO Madrid, Spain with the "FEBS National Lecture Award" at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Biokemisk Forening. The topic of the Annual Meeting of Biokemisk Forening was "Model Organisms in Molecular Biology and Biomedical Research" and it was held in Hotel Marienlyst in Hel-

singør, Denmark, 17–19 April 2013. Erwin Wagner's National Lecture was entitled "Inflammation and cancer: lessons from AP-1 (Fos/Jun)-dependent mouse models and humans". Erwin Wagner is one of the world's foremost experts on mouse cancer models and one of the pioneers in knockout and transgenic mouse technology in Europe and we were very fortunate to have him and FEBS to give strength and visibility to our 40th anniversary meeting.

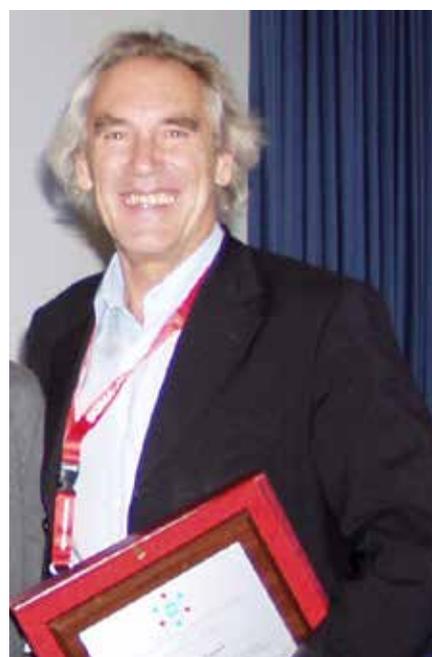


Figure 1. Prof. Erwin F. Wagner from the Genes, Development and Disease Group, CNIO Madrid, Spain with his "FEBS National Lecture Award" at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Biokemisk Forening 2013.



FEBS 50th years birthday will be celebrated at the FEBS-EMBO Congress in Paris 30 August- 4 September (<http://www.febs-embo2014.org>). Everybody is welcome to attend this interesting and historic Congress. On the contrary to the open-access Congress, FEBS financial support for fellowships and courses is available for FEBS members only. So how to become a member? It is very simple. Every member of Biokemisk Forening is already automatically also a member of FEBS. Just join Biokemisk Forening if you have not done it yet: <http://www.biokemi.org/info/membership/>