

Press Release

**Life Sciences**

**The University of Liège ranked 9th among international institutions in the recent survey, « Best Places To Work: Postdocs » published by *The Scientist***

*Liège, March 2, 2009.- The Scientist*, an American magazine reporting on the life sciences, has published in the March edition its 7<sup>th</sup> annual survey, "Best Places to Work : Postdocs". The University of Liège was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the Top Ten international institutions (academic research centers and businesses) that offer positions in post-doctoral research in the life sciences.

The survey by *The Scientist*, conducted via the Internet, received 3438 responses from researchers worldwide. Survey participants were asked to evaluate the quality of their own postdoctoral experience at a university or private company, according to 43 criteria in 11 different areas. 85 American institutions and 27 non-American institutions that were mentioned at least 5 times were ranked. In the March edition *The Scientist* ranked the Top Ten American institutions and also the Top Ten international institutions.

*"With this first-time ranking we are beginning to see the fruits of an ambitious and innovative program that we have been building in GIGA, the biotechnology research center created by the University of Liège in 2002, and which employs more than 300 researchers at present, said University Rector Bernard Rentier, one of the initiators of the project along with Pr. Joseph Martial. "Like the Center for Protein Engineering, a center for research expertise that has long been recognized at the international level, GIGA attracts postdoctoral researchers every year, who find at our university a stimulating work environment and a place for high-level scientific research. This shows the attractiveness and the interest generated by large-scale centers for scientific and technological research, centers that have higher international visibility. The message that these researchers, most of them international, have sent us via this survey is very encouraging."*

Survey results can be seen also on the magazine's website, [www.the-scientist.com](http://www.the-scientist.com)

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<b>Top 15 US Institutions</b>	<b>Top 10 International Institutions</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, Cambridge, MA</li> <li>2. The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME</li> <li>3. The J. David Gladstone Institutes, San Francisco, CA</li> <li>4. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK</li> <li>5. Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM</li> <li>6. Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Cambridge, MA</li> <li>7. Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, WA</li> <li>8. Rocky Mountain Laboratories, NIH, Hamilton, MT</li> <li>9. Genentech Inc., South San Francisco, CA</li> <li>10. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN</li> <li>11. Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Oak Ridge, TN</li> <li>12. Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA</li> <li>13. Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL</li> <li>14. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA</li> <li>15. Van Andel Research Institute, Grand Rapids, MI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany</li> <li>2. University of Copenhagen, Denmark</li> <li>3. University of Utrecht Medical Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands</li> <li>4. University of Dundee, UK</li> <li>5. University of York, UK</li> <li>6. John Innes Center, Norwich, UK</li> <li>7. Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Basel, Switzerland</li> <li>8. Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland</li> <li>9. University of Liege, Belgium</li> <li>10. Karolinska Institute, Sweden</li> </ol>