

From the President Angelo Azzi

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## Dear Dr. Knaryan

It is my great pleasure to welcome The Armenian Association of Biochemists (AAB) in the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB). AAB is now almost half a century old with a significant membership in number and in scientific value. We are particularly glad of the large representation of women and young scientists in your Society. Armenian biological sciences have offered to the international scientific community a large number of unique scientists, in the past and in the present, such as Norair Sisakian, Armen Takhtajan, Karen Manvelyan, Ivan Knunyants, Robert Nalbandyan, Giacomo Luigi Ciamician, Vache Isaguliants and last but not least Raymond Vahan Damadian, whom I have personally met and with whom I have discussed his groundbreaking work on Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is ready to offer its services and opportunities to your community: one important occasion could be the celebration of the 50 years of the AAB existence with a joint event, together with the IUBMB, in 2014. It could be an opportunity to unite the biochemists and molecular biologists not only in Armenia but also in so many countries around the world.

Let me wish all the AAB members and you personally a brilliant scientific future of discoveries and collaborations with all the scientists in the world: we're sure that your research will contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of mankind and to the establishment of that scientific friendship which will hopefully trigger broader peaceful interactions among peoples.

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