

CEO of Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council visited the Research Centre for Natural Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Swindon, United Kingdom and Budapest, Hungary – April 17, 2014 – **Professor Jackie Hunter**, CEO of Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), the leading United Kingdom funder of non-medical bioscience research, presented the internationally acknowledged "British model" of funding world-class research to the Academy. During her official programme she also visited the Research Centre for Natural Sciences, HAS.

Directors and scientists of academic research centres and research institutes participated in the meeting where *Jackie Hunter* outlined the operation of BBSRC, its financing principles and practices. The CEO presented a case study about the steps of establishing the "British model" and of the development of strategic research priorities, which may serve as an example for the future development of the institutional network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Following to the exchange of experience, *Jackie Hunter* visited the Research Centre for Natural Sciences, HAS, where director general **György Miklós Keserű** presented the research programme of the world-class research centre inaugurated last year. He also reported about the recent scientific outputs of the institutes. Our guest visited the research labs of the Institute of Enzymology and those of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology; she also had discussion with the directors of these institutes. *Jackie Hunter*, previously vice president of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), responsible for neurology and gastrointestinal research, gained outstanding experiences in pharmaceutical research and development, so her visit offered a good opportunity to review the potential of translational research in this field.

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About BBSRC

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About RCNS, HAS

The Research Centre for Natural Sciences is one of the largest research organisations within the network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Focus areas of RCNS, HAS are multidisciplinary research activities in the field of enzymology, molecular pharmacology, cognitive neuroscience and psychology, organic chemistry, as well as materials and environmental science. The more than 400 scientists of the centre are committed to new scientific discoveries and developments delivering benefits to society.