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From the Society for Developmental Biology

Developmental Biology course in Chile open to Latin American and **international** applicants

The International Courses on Developmental Biology organized in Chile have a long story that started in 1999. More recently these courses have been organized at the Centre of Marine Biology Research (CIMARQ-UNAB), in front of the pacific sea in the cost of Chile. The aim of this course is to train young investigators in the State-of-the-Art approach to Development Biology. Different animal models are used for laboratories, including zebrafish and locally available fishes; insects (*Drosophila*, and others); frog, sea urchin, chick, and planarians. In addition, the students present their current research in an informal and relaxed environment at the end of each day.

The course is open to student from around the world, but its main aim is to promote Developmental Biology in Latin America.

In the 2014 version of this course (5th–17th January) we will have 14 and 6 positions for Latin American for non-Latin American students, respectively. We hope that this mixed composition of students and the participation of top scientists from around the world will contribute to establish links and promote a culture of international collaboration that will further contribute to the **field** (Figs. 1 and 2).

Fellowships for Latin American for non-Latin American students will be available. The deadline for application is 31st July 2013. For more information please visit: <http://biodesarrollo.unab.cl/>.

The course director (Roberto Mayor, University College London, UK) strongly encourage the application of students to this course.



**Fig. 1.** John Gurdon shows how to dissect *Xenopus* animal cap during the 2012 International Course on Developmental Biology. A few months later John Gurdon got the Nobel Prize.



**Fig. 2.** Nobel Prize winner Eric Wieschaus discusses about *Drosophila* genetics with the students of the 2012 International Course on Developmental Biology.