Editorial

Virtual Institute of Medical Biotechnology (VIMB) (http://vimb.ir) is a website designed and developed in Iran to dedicate itself to providing the latest world news related to medical biotechnology. This web site also has accumulated a wealth of information on: e-books, conferences, references, articles, dissertations, films and animations, journals and biotech companies in Iran. The website fills one of the major gaps in the area of medical biotechnology in the country and is now serving those interested in the subject, free of charge.

Although over the past 20 years many institutes and organizations have established biotechnology laboratories and initiated hundreds of projects, unfortunately many were not aware of the activities or sometimes existence of each other in the country. With the help of Internet and dedicated staff at VIMB, all of us working in any organizations, societies, universities, and biotech companies in Iran can now visit this website and get many of the information needed instantly. Staff at the VIMB are truly doing a great job and I recommend all individuals working in the field of biotechnology/medical biotechnology to spend a little bit of time to discover this informative and helpful web site.

Another exciting news in the field of Biotechnology in Iran has been the recent announcement of the first international biotechnology exposition "IranBiotech 2013" which is to be held in Tehran-Iran from 14-18 February 2013. The "IranBiotech 2013" has declared, for the first time, to bring all the major international and Iranian biotech companies, universities, financial organizations, governmental and private institutes in the field of biotechnology together. This is great news for all of us who are involved in research, education and business aspects of biotechnology in general and medical biotechnology in particular. For more detailed information, please see the website www.irbiotech.com.

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