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### **EU Projects Hands out Prizes for Top PHDS**

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Stronger resistance to drugs and increased tourism which puts people at greater risk of acquiring local diseases are just a couple of factors that play havoc on public health worldwide, and humans are under the constant threat of infections with pathogenic microorganisms. Enter the ERA-NET PATHOGENOMICS ('Trans-European cooperation and coordination of genome sequencing and functional genomics of human-pathogenic microorganisms') project, an initiative of the EU targeting more advanced transnational genome-based research programmes on humanpathogenic microorganisms. ERA-NET PATHOGENOMICS recently announced the winners of the PhD Award 2010 for the most outstanding doctoral theses in this field.

The winners, Dr Itay Tirosh from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, Dr Andreja Kovac from the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, and Dr Cristina Latasa from the Public University of Navarra in Spain, were awarded EUR 2,000 each.

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