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## **Inauguration of new international head office in Stockholm for the coordination of research and development within neuroinformatics**

The international head office of the International Neuroinformatics Coordination Facility - INCF - is officially inaugurated on February 15, 2007 in Stockholm, Sweden. The ceremony will be attended by the Swedish minister of education and research, Lars Leijonborg.

The INCF is the largest venture ever with the overall objective of coordinating international resources and activities within Neuroinformatics – a merger of informatics and neuroscience.

The outcomes of the INCF activities are expected to have a key strategic impact on the understanding of the human brain and the future possibilities for treating serious neurologic and psychiatric diseases, injuries and disabilities. Computational models of various functions of the brain will be developed as well as databases covering multiple levels, from genes to behavior.

The work of the INCF will also involve and relate strongly to information technology and the field of computational research, from which key methods and tools are used. The work and needs of the INCF in this respect are also expected to drive further development of new technology within specific fields such as information analysis, integration of distributed knowledge resources, and robotics.

The INCF is initiated through the OECD and currently involves 12 member nations (Belgium, Czech, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and USA) who share the costs. The Secretariat of the INCF is situated at Karolinska Intitutet, with important ties to the Royal Institute of Technology.

An inauguration symposium will take place on February 15 at Nobel Forum, Wallenbergsalen, Nobels väg 1.

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