

## Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope that you are well and that you could enjoy some rest during the Summer.

In June, we organised our Annual General Meeting at the annual European Cystic Fibrosis Conference that took place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. It was wonderful to be able to meet you all in person and to watch the enthusiasm of all the participants. We had the opportunity to warmly thank Trudy Havermans and Isabelle Sermet, who ended their mandates at the ECFS Board, for their continuing support of the ECFS. We were happy to congratulate and welcome Carlos Farinha and Silke van Koningsbruggen-Rietschel who were elected this year. We also welcomed Chris Smith onto the ECFS Board. He is taking over the reins of the ECFS Education project following the successful leadership of Daniel Peckham. Daniel implemented the ECFS Education platform and dedicated his time and expertise to the ECFS Education project. Thanks again to all of them for their support, guidance and commitment to the ECFS.

The ECFS Conference in Rotterdam was a great success, and I would again like to thank the Conference President Harm Tiddens, as well as the Vice-President Jeffrey Beekman, for their contribution to the Conference. My sincere thanks go to the Scientific Committee, who produced an excellent programme, to the Steering Committee for their commitment in making the Conference a success and to the speakers, moderators and presenters for their superb contribution.

At the Opening Plenary, I had the pleasure to present the ECFS award to Prof. Kris De Boeck who delivered a riveting talk and set the tone for an uplifting and invigorating conference.

To honour the enormous contribution of Prof. Gerd Döring, the ECFS has initiated a Gerd Döring Award in 2015 that is given annually to honour an exceptional early career young European scientist. This year, the Award was presented to Dr. Alessandra Murabito (IT), in acknowledgement of her work.

The ECFS continues its tradition of awarding grants to young researchers based on the merit of their submitted abstracts. We granted 3 Young Investigator Awards and were delighted to welcome the Young Investigator Awardees to the Closing Ceremony. We were also happy to support 20 young researchers with a Travel Grant.

More information on the ECFS Awards can be found [here](#).

Several symposia and sessions were recorded and are accessible on the Education platform with unlimited access for ECFS members.

We could see a lot of smiles on the faces of the delegates who were happy to eventually meet again in person. Sessions were all lively and inspiring, everybody was busy and eager to catch up after two years of shielding. However, with the pandemic still lurking in the background, the attendance at the Conference was a little below our usual numbers. The Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee are already preparing an exciting programme for the next ECFS conference which will take place in Vienna 7-10 June 2023. Mark it on your calendar so that you don't miss it! Abstract submissions will open in December, so be prepared to submit your research for presentation to your peers!

In other news, many thanks, as always, to Dr. Henry Ryley for compiling the current references in cystic fibrosis in this Newsletter.

As always, I would like to remind you to please feel free to send us articles that you would like to have included in forthcoming newsletters as this provides a great vehicle for communication.

Best wishes,  
Isabelle Fajac, ECFS President



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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place during the 45th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Rotterdam, the Netherlands on 10 June 2022.

As usual, we had a very busy agenda with reports from the ECFS President, ECFS Secretary and ECFS Treasurer followed by reports from the Directors of the ECFS projects.

Daniel Peckham ended his mandate as leader of the ECFS Education project. It was the opportunity for Isabelle Fajac to give him warmest thanks for his dedication and enthusiasm over the last years and to welcome Chris Smith who started his mandate as leader of the project.



ECFS Board — June 2022



Daniel Peckham



Chris Smith

You will find the minutes of the Annual General meeting 2022 [here](#)

## ECFS 2022 Board Elections

The ECFS is happy to announce the results of the 2022 Board elections. We had two open positions as Trudy Havermans and Isabelle Sermet ended their mandates. Many thanks for their invaluable input at the Board and congratulations to Carlos Farinha and Silke van Koningsbruggen-Rietschel who started their three-year mandates on the Board.



Carlos Farinha



Silke van Koningsbruggen-Rietschel

## Vienna 2023

The ECFS looks forward to welcoming you all to the 46th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference in Vienna, Austria on 7-10

### 46th EUROPEAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONFERENCE

7 – 10 JUNE 2023 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA



#### SAVE THE DATE

Registration and Abstract Submission	December 2022
Abstract Submission Deadline	13 January 2023
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	Mid-March 2023
Deadline for Early Registration	23 March 2023

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### Upcoming Events

- **North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference**  
03–05 Nov. 2022  
Philadelphia, US
- **ECFS Board Winter Meeting**  
25 Jan. 2023  
Brussels, Belgium
- **ECFS Winter Meetings of ECFS projects**  
26–27 Jan. 2023  
Brussels, Belgium
- **Diagnostic Network WG Meeting:**  
09-11 Feb. 2023  
Montpellier, France
- **16th European CF Young Investigator Meeting**  
01-03 Mar. 2023  
Paris, France
- **ECFS Basic Science Conference**  
29 March–01 April 2023  
Dubrovnik, Croatia
- **46th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference**  
07-10 June 2023  
Vienna, Austria

Helmut Ellemunter accepted to chair the Conference together with Andrea Lakatos-Krepcik and Andreas Pflieger who will be vice-presidents.



Helmut Ellemunter



Andrea Lakatos-Krepcik



Andreas Pflieger

Vienna is considered one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, a city of artists, traditions, waltzes and exquisite cuisine. Our Conference will be hosted at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), which is Austria's largest conference centre. Close to the Danube River, the conference centre is ideally located; it only takes seven minutes by public transport to reach it from the city centre.

The abstract submission for the conference will open in December and will close on 13 January 2023.

The notifications for abstract acceptance will be sent mid-March 2023 and the deadline for early registration to the conference will be on 23 March 2023.



## JCF - Increased Impact Factor

The Journal Impact Factor is an index that measures how often a journal's articles are cited in other research. In any given year, the impact factor of a journal is the number of citations, received in that year, of articles published in that journal during the two preceding years, divided by the total number of articles published in that journal during the two preceding years .

The European Cystic Fibrosis Society is pleased to announce that the official 2021 Impact Factors (IF) were recently released, and the Journal of Cystic Fibrosis (JCF) has increased its IF from 5.482 to 5.527. The JCF ranks 18th in the Respiratory System category.

The ECFS would like to thank the Editor in Chief, Dr. Patrick Flume, and the Editorial Board. Their excellent work has helped JCF gain its current standing and continues to aid its growth.



## ECFS-CFE Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship

With aim to foster basic and translational research on cystic fibrosis, the ECFS and Cystic Fibrosis Europe (CFE), the federation of national CF associations in Europe, have joined forces to support a number of European Post-Doctoral 2-year duration Research Fellowships. We are happy to announce that three Post-doctoral Research fellowships have been awarded this year and we would like to extend our congratulations to Dr. Anna Esposito, Dr. Alessandra Murabito and Dr. Arianna Venturini, all three of them coming from Italy!

- Anna Esposito - University of Naples will work on: Liposomal formulation of a novel dual acting agent with anti-inflammatory and anti-infective properties for cystic fibrosis lung disease treatment.
- Alessandra Murabito - University of Turin will work on: Exploiting a PI3Ky mimetic peptide to restore CFTR localization at the plasma membrane
- Arianna Venturini - Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine, Naples will work on: Identification of novel NMD modulators to rescue nonsense mutations in cystic fibrosis



## Basic Science Conference 2023

For the 18th ECFS Basic Science Conference, we will return to Dubrovnik, Croatia from 29 March to 01 April 2023. Nicoletta Pedemonte (IT) has accepted to be the conference chairperson, supported by Alexandre Hinzpeter (FR) and Camille Ehre (US).

A key characteristic of the conference is the attendance of PhD students and post-docs, who contribute enormously to the success of this annual event with their enthusiastic discussions. So, if you are a young researcher, we strongly encourage you to join us and to submit your current research. There will be excellent opportunities to discuss your data, interact and discuss science in a great atmosphere, with the best of European and international experts in the field of cystic fibrosis.

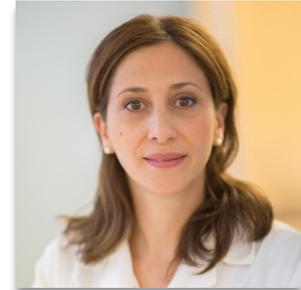
More information on the registration conditions and abstract submission will be published soon on the [conference page](#).



Nicoletta Pedemonte



Alexandre Hinzpeter



Camille Ehre

## Job Postings

- **ECFS Patient Registry - Service Desk member**

The European Cystic Fibrosis Society Patient Registry is looking for an enthusiastic candidate to reinforce the Service Desk on a part-time basis.

Languages required: English and Spanish.

[Job Posting](#)



- **Post-Doctoral Researcher position - Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany**

A Post-Doctoral Researcher position has opened at Prof. Marcus Mall's laboratory in the Department of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Immunology and Critical Care Medicine - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. The research focus will be to study the function of mucus in the healthy lung and its role in the pathogenesis of chronic lung diseases.

Application deadline: 30 September 2022

[Job Posting](#)

## 16th European CF Young Investigator Meeting

The European Cystic Fibrosis Young Investigator Meeting (EYIM) is a scientific meeting organised by 6 European CF patients' organisations, under the umbrella of CF Europe and endorsed by the ECFS. It aims to foster interactions between young scientists in order to create a long-term collaborative European network of CF investigators. The meeting is open to all CF research fields, including basic research, clinical research and psychosocial sciences. The 16th EYIM will take place in Paris, France, on 01-03 March 2023.

Abstract submission deadline: 24 October 2023

[More information](#)



## ERS Award 2022

Each year the ERS present a number of prestigious awards to recognise the achievements of a select group of leaders in the field of respiratory medicine. These awards acknowledge scientific merit and engagement within the ERS by honouring exceptional members for their exemplary achievements and potential for further outstanding developments in all respiratory areas and within the society.

This year Prof. Pierre-Régis Burgel received the ERS Mid-career Gold medal in cystic fibrosis. Pierre-Régis Burgel is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at Université Paris Cité, France, where he is co-Principal Investigator in the Acute and Chronic Airway Infection Laboratory (Cochin Institute, INSERM, Paris France). Professor Burgel is a senior consultant at the Respiratory Medicine Department of Cochin Hospital in Paris and is the national coordinator of the French Cystic Fibrosis Reference Centre Network (47 CF centres). He is vice-president of the French Cystic Fibrosis Society and associate editor of The Journal of Cystic Fibrosis. He currently serves as a member of the Scientific Committee of the ECFS Patient Registry.



Pierre-Régis Burgel

Our warmest congratulations go to him!



The ECFS app is available for download for free on iOS and Android! The app includes automatic messaging about ECFS Events including the ECFS 2023 conference, links to the education Platform for access to SOPs and materials, newsletters and much more. Search for ECFS Society on App Store and Play Store

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## Current References in Cystic Fibrosis

Many thanks to Dr. Henry Ryley for compiling the current references in Cystic Fibrosis that you can download through this [link](#).

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