

Dear colleague,

The **European Cystic Fibrosis Young Investigator Meeting** (EYIM) is a scientific meeting organised by 7 national CF patient organisations, under the umbrella of CF Europe and endorsed by the European Cystic Fibrosis Society (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 17<sup>th</sup> EYIM will take place at the "Institut National des Jeunes Sourds", in Paris (France) from March 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

An international scientific committee will select the 35 best abstracts from candidates (young investigators under 40 years old), who will then be invited to present their work at the meeting. They will be offered the opportunity to give a 10-minute talk or to present a poster. The best talk and poster will be granted an award by the scientific committee.

Leading scientists will moderate the different sessions, including the introductory sessions and roundtable discussions. They will give state-of-the-art lectures on microbiology, immunology, cell biology, gene therapy, clinical issues and psychosocial sciences in CF.

This meeting provides a unique training opportunity for young scientists and the possibility to share their experience with peers. The interactive format of the meeting encourages networking.

## There is no registration fee; housing and meals will be covered for all participants.

- Travelling costs for participants coming from European countries will be funded by the organizing patient organisations, for a maximum amount of € 160 (public transportation only is reimbursed).
- Young Researchers who cannot pay for potentially higher travelling costs can contact the organising committee: <u>eyim@vaincrelamuco.org.</u>
  Further reimbursement will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- We invite young researchers from non-European countries to ask for support for travelling costs from their own patient organisation.

We kindly ask you to disseminate this call amongst young investigators involved in CF research and to encourage them to apply for this meeting, which is a major regular event in the CF scientific community.

To apply, please submit your abstract using the application form by **October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 (midnight):** <u>https://framaforms.org/17th-european-cystic-fibrosis-young-investigators-meeting-1633510424</u>

Acceptance will be notified mid-December. Further information about the meeting will be provided to the selected young investigators.

We are looking forward to receiving your young investigators' applications.

Sincerely yours,

Steering committee: Belgium: Mucovereniging vzw-asbl Association Muco (Elise Lammertyn) France : Vaincre la Mucoviscidose (Mélanie Tobin) Germany: Mukoviszidose e. V. (Sylvia Hafkemeyer) Italy: Lega Italiana Fibrosi Cistica-LIFC (Giuseppe Parisi) Ireland: CF Ireland (Sarah Tecklenborg) The Netherlands: Dutch Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Domenique Zomer) United Kingdom: Cystic Fibrosis Trust (Paula Sommer)

<u>Please note</u>: Upon application, the corresponding author agrees that the abstract may be published in the conference materials.

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