

## **European Young Investigator Meeting 2018**

The European Young Investigator Meeting (EYIM) on Cystic fibrosis (CF) research took place in Paris, from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018. The goal of this meeting is to pave a way for young researchers into the international CF research community and thereby focusing them on CF research in the long run.

The EYIM is organised by the European Cystic Fibrosis associations from France, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

This year, the meeting hosted 36 young scientists from Europe, Canada and even Australia. It started with a talk by a CF patient, raising awareness to the daily burdens of life with CF. The scientific program covered all areas of CF research: Microbiology, Genetics / Gene therapy, Immunology, Cell biology and Clinical issues.

Each young scientist presented his own research work through talks, posters and round table discussions.

Experienced CF researchers attended the meeting as moderators.

"Junior and Senior Scientists for three days under one roof" offers good conditions for networking.

Additionally, the meeting included a workshop entitled "How to present your poster: your poster, you and your audience" which greatly helped for a convincing poster-presentation performance.

After three days of intensive exchange three young scientists were selected for awards:

The award for the <u>best oral presentation</u> went to Giulia Maule from Italy, working on gene therapy in cystic fibrosis in CF.

The <u>best poster presentation award</u> went to Marie-Julie Guichard from Belgium, who presented data on a new long-acting DNAse.

The <u>most relevant contribution award</u> went to Bartosz Gerard Gdaniec from Switzerland, who inspired the EYIM 2018 by his high quality contributions to the discussion.

More information through #EYIM2018 (https://twitter.com/hashtag/eyim2018).