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From Omics to Patient: Improving Diagnostics of Pathogenic Yeasts

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First BCN Science Slam organized by OPATHY

On March 3rd, the first BCN Science Slam competition was organized, in which eight PhD students from different ITNs coordinated in Barcelona gave a talk. All participants had five minutes to explain their research projects in an understandable, entertaining and concise way to the non-scientific audience, which afterwards got the opportunity to vote for the best talk. OPATHY ESR Joao Pacheco entertained the audience with his presentation "Yeast: Love and Fear, Death and Beer". Check out the video of his talk!

[Discover more about the Science Slam](#)

OPATHY Winter School

The OPATHY Winter School took place in Barcelona from March 1st-4th and comprised an intensive training in science communication skills. The ESRs learnt for example, how analogies can be useful to explain science. The training was open to other ITNs, promoting the contact between ESRs. We are thankful to EUROLEISH.NET, INCITE, BE-OPTICAL and SINGEK ITNs for having been part of our Winter School.



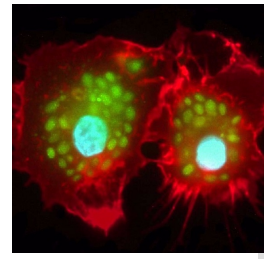
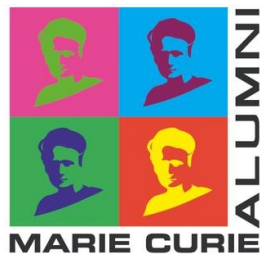
[More moments of our Winter School](#)



Microbiology and Infection conference

Toni Gabaldon (OPATHY coordinator) and Marina Pekmezovic (OPATHY ESR) presented their research in an oral presentation and poster, respectively, during the 5th Joint Conference of the DGHM & VAAM "Microbiology and Infection" in Würzburg, Germany.

[More about this conference](#)



MCAA conference

The annual meeting of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) took place in Salamanca, from March 23th-25th. Beside discussions about career development and societal challenges a Science Slam was organized, for which the winner of the BCN Science Slam was invited to give a talk.

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@MiComConference Did you know?

The 6th International Conference on Microbial Communication for Young Scientists took place from March 20th-23rd in Jena, Germany. OPATHY ESRs Joao Pacheco and Marina Pekmezovic won the 1st and 3rd prize, respectively, in a Science Slam during the conference. Congratulations!

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Over 1 billion people are affected by fungal diseases globally and invasive fungal infections cause approximately 1.5 million deaths each year, similarly to tuberculosis and HIV, but greater than malaria and breast cancer! It is time to find new diagnostic tools and anti-fungal therapies.

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Meet our ESRs: ESR#5 Elise Iracane in interview



ELISE IRACANE, UCD
SUPERVISOR: GERALDINE BUTLER

[More information about Elise's project](#)



Outlook: Opathy Summer School

Time flies by and the second OPATHY Summer School will take place in Jena, Germany from August 27th - September 2nd. This time our training will be focused on "Transition From Academia Into Industry" and "Valorisation". Do not forget to follow all updates about the meeting on our website.

[More information](#)

Have a look at our latest scientific publications

Naranjo-Ortíz, M.A., Brock, M., Brunke, S., Hube, B., Marcet-Houben, M. and Gabaldón, T., 2016. Widespread Inter-and Intra-Domain Horizontal Gene Transfer of d-Amino Acid Metabolism Enzymes in Eukaryotes. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 7.

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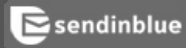
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