

YE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Dear member of Young EPIZONE,

Thank you for attending the Young EPIZONE meeting 2015 in Montpellier! With more than 50 participants, the meeting on career development was a huge success.

The **next Young EPIZONE meeting** will be organized on Tuesday the 27th of September 2016 in Madrid, Spain. The meeting will take place just prior to the 10th Annual Meeting of EPIZONE hosted by CISA-INIA. Join us and participate in informative, interactive and informal workshops with other young scientists working on epizootic diseases.

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Tuesday 27 September 2016

Time: 09:00 – 17:00

Venue: Madrid, Spain

In this newsletter, we will introduce to you **our new chairman** and the members of the Young EPIZONE core group.

We will keep you informed and let you know when registration is open.

Best regards,
the YE core group

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- Aims to integrate young scientists into the network of EPIZONE ERG
- Provides a platform for young scientists working on epizootic diseases, where they are able to meet and discuss with peers from all over the world
- Organizes workshops and panel discussions with senior scientists

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YE MEETING 2015 IN MONTPELLIER

Last year's Young EPIZONE meeting (Montpellier, France) consisted of three sessions focusing on career development. Among the topics discussed were stress management during job interviews and how to tell a good story about yourself to obtain a high impact on the listeners. As it was pointed out during the sessions: when something is important, you will experience stress. The key is then to exploit stress in a good manner in order to focus. This is the so-called success stress zone. Below this zone, a typical sign will be disinterest whereas too much stress can hinder the performance by affecting one's physical condition and mood.



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The second session focused on job interviews emphasizing that a good interview allows the listener to be taken on a journey by your story and credentials. Moreover, non-verbal communication plays an important role in how your message is received. The last session consisted of invited speakers with junior and senior scientist backgrounds or experiences from the industry to tell about their own career choices in an interactive session.

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN



ALEJANDRO MARÍN LÓPEZ

CISA-INIA, Spain

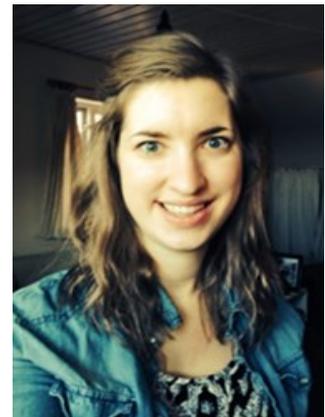
Hello! My name is Alejandro and I am very proud of being the host coordinator for the next Young EPIZONE meeting, which will be held in Madrid. I am starting my third year as a PhD student at CISA-INIA (Spain), focusing on the development of recombinant multiserotype vaccines against Bluetongue virus. Apart of my job, I like sports and outdoor activities such as trekking and rafting. Finally, I look forward to see you in September in Madrid, where we can enjoy a great meeting in a nice city.

YE CORE GROUP MEMBERS

JOHANNE HADSBJERG

DTU Vet, Denmark

I am currently in the final year of my PhD at DTU Vet, where I study the replication of classical swine fever virus (CSFV). In particular, I am looking at RNA-RNA interactions that can regulate a switch between translation and replication. This will be the third Young EPIZONE meeting I will help organising. I have enjoyed being a part of such a nice and useful network and I hope that many young scientists will have a great time at this year's meeting in Madrid.



MARC GUIMERA

The Pirbright Institute, United Kingdom

Hello all! My name is Marc Guimera and I am a PhD student at the Pirbright Institute (UK). I am already in the third year of my project, which aims to characterize some of the genes of Bluetongue virus serotype 26 using reverse genetics. This is also my third year as a member of the Young EPIZONE core group and I have really enjoyed it so far! Other things about myself: I like travelling, learning languages and playing water polo. I hope to see all you at the next Young EPIZONE meeting in Madrid!

CINDY KUNDLACZ

ANSES, France

My name is Cindy Kundlacz and I am in the first year of my PhD in the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) in Maisons-Alfort (France). I study the Bluetongue virus and more specifically the mapping of the interactions between viral proteins and cellular proteins in the mammalian and vector host. I also highlight the functions carried out by the NS3 protein. Last year, I participated in the Young EPIZONE meeting in Montpellier and I am very happy to join the core organization group this year. See you in September in Madrid.

**HAIJIN LIU**

CIRAD, France

Hello everyone! My name is Haijin Liu and I feel very glad to be the member of Young EPIZONE. I am studying as a PhD student in Montpellier, France. This year is the third year of my PhD. Last year, as one of the core group members of Young EPIZONE, I helped organize the Young EPIZONE meeting for the first time. It gave me the chance to learn how to organize a meeting and to meet new people from different institutes. At the moment, I am working at the CIRAD institute on the generation of a new vaccine to prevent Newcastle Disease (ND) infections in poultry and to control viral shedding. I will use the reverse genetics technology to generate and modify viruses. I am doing research on ND viruses since my master period and virological research is highly interesting to me. As a Chinese, I feel lucky to join Young EPIZONE.

ANN SOFIE OLESEN

DTU Vet, Denmark

Hello everyone, my name is Ann Sofie and I have just joined the Young EPIZONE core group. I am in the first year of my PhD at the Danish Veterinary Institute, where I study African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV) transmission and virulence. I am very happy to become a part of the Young EPIZONE core group and I am looking forward to meeting other young scientists at my first Young EPIZONE meeting.



RODOLPHE MICHIELS

CODA-CERVA, Belgium

Hello everyone, my name is Rodolphe Michiels and I have been doing my PhD at the Belgian Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Center (CODA-CERVA) since September 2015. My project focuses on small ruminant lentiviruses (SRLVs) including Maedi-Visna and CAEV. My goal is to provide data on the prevalence of the viruses in Belgium, analyze genetic variation and cross-species transmission of SRLVs. This year will be my first Young EPIZONE meeting so I hope to see all of you in Madrid.

**SASKIA BERGERVOET**

CVI, the Netherlands



Hi everyone, my name is Saskia Bergervoet. As a PhD student at the Central Veterinary Institute (CVI) in Lelystad, the Netherlands, I focus on the identification of genetic factors involved in the transmission of Avian Influenza (AI) virus infections from wild birds to poultry and between poultry farms. Last year, I attended the Young EPIZONE meeting for the first time. I was left inspired by the energetic and informa-

tive sessions. It was also great to meet other young scientists working on animal diseases. I am happy to be involved in the organisation of the next Young EPIZONE meeting, which is already shaping up to be as inspiring as last year's.

MARIA JENCKEL

FLI, Germany

Hello! My name is Maria Jenckel and I joined the Young EPIZONE core group after the Young EPIZONE meeting in 2013. I finished my PhD at the FLI (Germany) last year and stayed as a PostDoc at FLI. During my PhD I dealt with Next Generation Sequencing and sequence data analysis with a focus on Pesti- and Poxviruses. However, now my topic has changed to metagenomics and microarray diagnostics. I mostly spend my free time with my friends, reading, travelling and learning new languages. I am really happy to be a part of Young EPIZONE and looking forward to see you all at the next meeting.



SHORT TERM MISSIONS

The EPIZONE short term mission programme offers a great opportunity to learn more about the work carried out by EPIZONE partner institutes. The overall objective of the EPIZONE short term mission programme is to stimulate exchange of knowledge and cooperation between EPIZONE partner institutes through visits of individual EPIZONE members. The short term mission programme primarily focusses on young scientists but also other scientists and technicians are eligible.

Applications for short term missions should be submitted at least three months prior to the first date of the visit. A short term mission is eligible up to 3 months and the visit must be relevant to the EPIZONE objectives. Short term missions are in principle for EPIZONE members visiting another EPIZONE partner institute. However, scientific or strategic missions outside this rule could be considered provided that the added value for EPIZONE is clearly identified.

For detailed information and application form, see [here](#) .

YE TRAVEL GRANTS

A total of 5 travel grants (500 € each) are available for young scientists (<35 years) to come to the EPIZONE annual meeting. An application letter should be send to the EPIZONE coordinator Wim van der Poel (wim.vanderpoel@wur.nl) and must include the following information:

- Name of the young scientist involved
- Requested amount of money
- Estimated costs of the travel
- Ground for the application
- Signature of the head of the institute

BECOME A MEMBER

Join us by sending an email to youngepizone@outlook.com.

Please add your name, institute, position and contact details.

Young scientists of non-EPIZONE member institutes can also become a member of Young EPIZONE and attend the annual meetings. However, only young scientists from EPIZONE member institutes receive a discount on the EPIZONE meeting registration fee.

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