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Dear Young EPIZONE members,

After the huge success of the YE day in Madrid with more than 50 participants from all over Europe, we are already excited to announce the next YE meeting that will take place in **Paris** on **Tuesday the 19th of September**.

Like last year, the YE meeting will be organized just prior to the 11th Annual Meeting of EPIZONE hosted by ANSES.

In this newsletter, we will introduce the new members of the YE core group and give you a short debrief on the last YE workshop in Madrid. For this year, we are proud to announce that the next workshop will be entitled “ **Communication skills** ”. So if you want to discuss this with young scientists, feel free to join us in Paris.

Until then, we wish you many success in your research and we are looking forward to seeing you in Paris.

Your devoted YE core group



- 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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MADRID THE 27TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

Thanks to all of you guys, the last YE meeting was a huge success. This day would not have been possible without your enthusiasm, energy and curiosity. We hope this year will be even greater for all of you.

Last year, the YE meeting was entitled “**Promoting Research**”. The workshop consisted of four sessions with four different speaker. The first session was given by Doctor Andres Montero, former Head of the European Projects Office at the Spanish National Institute for Agricultural, Food Research and Technology. During this session, he gave us an overview on the different funding resources existing in the European Projects such as H2020, EMBO and ERC. In addition, we learned on funding instruments (eg: Venture Capital) and how to apply for international fellowship .



With more than 50 participants, the meeting on “Promoting Research” was viral

The second part of the workshop included three speakers who focused “**Promoting Research**” in their respective areas. Professor Luis Enjuanes, Head of the Coronavirus Laboratory at the CNB-CSIC) started by giving a brilliant presentation on E protein in Human coronaviruses. Then Professor Esperanza Gomez-Lucia from the Spanish Society shared her experience on teaching at university but also on the possibilities to find a PhD or postdoc position in Europe. Several databases were mentioned including: www.academics.com ; www.findaphd.com and www.eurosciencejobs.com. The last talk was given by doctors Mercedes Mourino and Alicia Urniza from the department of Veterinary Medicine R&D Global Biologics at Zoetis. They focused on vaccine development and soft skills in science. These latter include powerful communication, willingness to innovate, sharing your knowledge and high ethical standards.

THE YE CORE GROUP

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN



CINDY KUNDLACZ

ANSES, France

Hello everyone, my name is Cindy Kundlacz and this is my second year as a member of the Young Epizone core group. This year, I am very happy to be the new host coordinator for the next Young Epizone meeting which will be held in Paris. I am in the second year of my PhD in the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) in Maisons-Alfort (France). I work on the Bluetongue virus (BTV) and more specifically on the interactions between viral proteins and cellular proteins in the mammalian and vector host using a high-throughput yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) approaches. I also study the effect of BTV on different signaling pathways. I am looking forward to see you all on the next young Epizone day in September in Paris. I would also like to thank especially the postdoc of my team, Marie Pourcelot, which helps me in the local organization of the young Epizone day in Paris

YE CORE GROUP MEMBERS

ALEJANDRO MARIN LOPEZ

CISA-INIA, Spain

I am currently in the final year of my PhD at Center of Animal Health Research (INIA-CISA, Madrid, Spain), where I focus on the development of recombinant multiserotype vaccines against Bluetongue virus. This ruminant disease is an important problem for the animal trade and welfare, so a vaccine that provides protection against the 27 distinct serotypes described is a must. This will be the second 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 great time at this year's meeting in Paris. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young scientists and to learn a lot about virology.



ANN SOFIE OLESEN

DTU Vet, Denmark



Hello everyone, my name is Ann Sofie and I am currently in the second year of my PhD at the Danish National Veterinary Institute. My focus is on African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV) transmission and virulence. In particular, I collect data from pigs infected with a recent European ASFV strain. This is my second year as a member of the YE core group, and I am looking forward to meet a lot of other young scientist again this year.

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 fourth year of my PhD. Last two years, as one of core members, I helped to organize Yong Epizone meeting, which made me learn many experience how to organize a meeting and also know some friends from different institutes. At the moment, I am working at the CIRAD institute on the generation of a new vaccine to prevent poultry getting Newcastle disease and to control viral shedding. I will use the reverse genetics technology to generate and modify viruses. I am doing research on Newcastle disease virus since my master period and virological research is highly interesting to me. As a Chinese, I feel lucky to join Young EPIZONE.



SASKIA BERGERVOET

WBVR, the Netherlands



Hi everyone, my name is Saskia Bergervoet. As a second year PhD student at Wageningen Bioveterinary Research (WBVR) 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. My research project involves analysing whole genome sequences of viruses isolated from wild and domestic birds as part of a large-scale influenza surveillance program. The next meeting will be the third Young EPIZONE meeting I attend. I really enjoyed the previous meetings of Young EPIZONE, especially because of the opportunity to meet other young scientists working on animal diseases.

LAURA ZANI

FLI, Germany

Hello everyone, my name is Laura Zani and I am in the second year of my PhD at the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (Germany) where I am working on African swine fever virus (ASFV). We are investigating the virulence and pathogenesis of ASFV isolates from Eastern Europe in different suids. I am very happy to be part of the Young EPIZONE core group since last year. While in Madrid, I really enjoyed meeting other young scientists and getting new inspiring ideas for my future work. I look forward to helping organize the Young EPIZONE meeting in Paris this year. See you soon in September!

**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, improve diagnostic methods, analyse genetic variation and cross-species transmission of SRLVs. Last year in Madrid, I attended my first YE meeting as a core member. This year in Paris will be another great opportunity to meet young scientists with great projects. See you there !



REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We want to remind you the most important deadlines for the next Epizone meeting that will be held in Paris next September.

Early Registration deadline: 7th July 2017

Regular Registration deadline: 10th September 2017

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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