I am currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre of Medical Genetics and Primary Health Care, Yerevan, Armenia, and I am working on sequence variants in breast cancer risk susceptibility genes. The EACR funded my attendance at the EACR-20 Meeting in Lyon, July 3-8, 2008. The programme of the conference was very rich and covered a wide range of topics such as cancer genetics, genetic epidemiology, and whole genome scan which highlighted the research achievements and perspectives. The conference was very useful and advanced my understanding in new concepts and ideas particularly in breast cancer genetic and epidemiological investigations which I am mostly focused on.

I participated in both the EACR meeting and joint IARC-EACR-AACR-ECNIS symposium, where I gave a poster presentation of our results of pooled analysis of ATM case-control mutation screening data, and had very constructive discussions with outstanding researchers working in this field. The meeting was not only a chance to discuss with my colleagues from IARC the current collaborative project, but also gave me an excellent opportunity to establish connections with prominent scientists in the field.

Finally, the meeting has put me in a much better intellectual position about the state of the art science, and will create completely modern platform for further collaborative projects. Thank you EACR for the awarded meeting bursary and a hearty welcome in Lyon.

Hoeijmakers, K. Polyak, and J. Reis-Filho. During the meeting I made some useful connections with the scientists from other labs working in related fields of research.

Overall, attending the EACR-20 was inspiring, and I hope to use the obtained knowledge and experience in my future work. And last but not the least, I really enjoyed my stay in the beautiful city of Lyon!
cancer research. This session was a mine of information for those who were not familiar with microRNAs. All my goals were fulfilled and I’m very grateful to the EACR for making that possible.

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Currently I am a PhD student on my first year in the Institute of Cell Biology and Tumor Research at the University of Duisburg - Essen in Germany. My main project is based on the characterization of molecular mechanisms that mediate the resistance to hypoxia and ionizing radiation caused by hypoxic selection at the transcriptional and posttranscriptional molecular level and innovative approaches to overcome hypoxia/mediated treatment resistance. A novel strategy to overcome effects of acute radiation resistance under hypoxia and even negative effects of hypoxic selection may represent the combined treatment with ionizing radiation and endoperoxide derivatives of Artemisinine from Artemisia annua L. In the project presented we analyzed efficacy and molecular determinants of combined treatment with Dihydroartemisinine and irradiation or Tumor Necrosis factor alpha related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL), respectively, in different cellular systems (Jurkat, DU145, HCT116, hypoxia resistant cells). Our findings suggest that Dexhydroartemisinin (DHA) may be a promising antitumor agent when it used alone or in combination with TRAIL or XRT.

I would like to thank the EACR for the travel fellowship award and the opportunity to attend the EACR 20

The EACR meeting bursary allowed me to attend the 20th EACR meeting in Lyon. It was a great opportunity for me to get the most recent studies concerning the emerging topics in cancer field from leaders in these areas. In particular it was motivating and exciting to hear major researchers in my own area of interest speaking about their results. Especially thanks to educational lectures, I was also able to extend my knowledge to cancer research fields I’m not involved in everyday.

In addition, during the poster session, I had the possibility to discuss the results of my ongoing research with other researchers working in breast cancer research in a friendly atmosphere. I would like to thank the EACR committee for providing me this wonderful opportunity.

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Receiving a Meeting Bursary award to attend the European Cancer Research Meeting provided me a very useful opportunity to interact more closely with members of the scientific community, and learn more about research in my area of transcription regulation in cancer related genes. In addition, it was a pleasure to visit the beautiful city of Lyon. I found the selection of the symposia at the conference very well organized and of excellent quality and fortunately was able to attend many lectures directly related to my own research field. EACR20 was a great experience for me in both scientific and social respects.

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The EACR-20 meeting has been an excellent experience for me since having been selected for an oral presentation I had the great opportunity to present my work in front of an interested audience. With many of the other attendees I had the pleasure to visit the beautiful city of Lyon. I found the selection of the symposia at the conference very well organized and of excellent quality and fortunately was able to attend many lectures directly related to my own research field. EACR20 was a great experience for me in both scientific and social respects.

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