

# EACR-21 Meeting Bursary Awards

This is a selection of reports from the 44 recipients of EACR Meeting Bursaries to attend EACR-21



EACR-21 Bursary winners at the Awards Ceremony in Oslo

## Sven Petersen

School of Cancer Sciences,  
University of Birmingham, UK

My project is to investigate antigen presentation to CD4+ T-cells in the context of tetraspanin CD63 and potential implications for immunotherapeutic settings. Since I had never attended a cancer meeting before this conference promised to be a valuable experience for my future career path and a perfect venue to present my work.

The international mix of high profile scientists offered very interesting sessions with useful presentations and discussions. I broadened my knowledge in different fields of cancer research and specifically enjoyed gaining new insights by talking to other attendees at the poster exhibition. This event was a fantastic basis for meeting other researchers and making new contacts on behalf of potential future career options

or just for social interaction.

I want to thank the committee of EACR who clearly put huge effort into arranging things smoothly and providing a successful meeting in a beautiful venue. I am acutely grateful for the financial and organisational support I received from EACR which gave me the opportunity to be a part of it.



Sven Petersen in Oslo with a new friend

## Marco Macagno

University of Turin, Molecular  
Biotechnology Centre, Turin, Italy

I am currently in my second year as a PhD student of Molecular Medicine in the group of Professors Guido Forni and Federica Cavallo at the Molecular Biotechnology Center, University of Turin, Italy. The aim of my PhD is to examine the use of DNA vaccination in the prevention of carcinogenesis in transgenic mice.

I participated in the meeting and presented my poster entitled: "Indoleamine 2,3-Dioxygenase (IDO) silencing for improved antitumour vaccination". This led to subsequent constructive discussion with some researchers working in this field. Discussing my work with experts I gained many new insights and helpful advice.

I'm very grateful to have received the meeting bursary award for the EACR-21 meeting held in Lillestrom (Oslo). With this award I have had the chance to update my knowledge and have had constructive

discussions with outstanding researchers working in this field.

I would like to thank the EACR committee members, the administrative staff and the organisers for giving me this great opportunity and beneficial experience.

### Annalisa Mupo

Institute of Food Sciences - CNR, Avellino, Italy

It was a great pleasure for me to attend the EACR21 Meeting in Oslo, Norway, thanks to the meeting bursary award I received.

Thanks to this meeting I had the opportunity to get back in touch with science after my maternity leave. I met highly qualified scientists and discussed with them my work on quercetin, a natural flavonoid, and its chemopreventive action in cancer. Moreover, I had the chance to open myself to new working perspectives and also to look for new collaborations. Beside this, it was very interesting to get new insights by talking with colleagues working in many different fields.



Annalisa Mupo at EACR-21 with her daughter Giorgia

I really appreciated Elizabeth Blackburn's opening lecture, which was a nice pace-setter for the amazing talks presented during all the meeting.

I would like to thank all the EACR organizers for giving me this opportunity and also for the incomparable work they perform to organize such nice events.

### Mariana Emerenciano

Instituto Nacional de Câncer-INCA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Mariana Emerenciano

I am currently a postdoctoral researcher and I am working on genetic abnormalities and susceptibility risk factors associated to pediatric acute leukaemias. First, I would like to thank all of those from the committee who recommended my application for the prize. This Meeting Bursary provided me with a great opportunity to establish closer connections with prominent scientists in the field of cancer, which was as inspiring as useful.

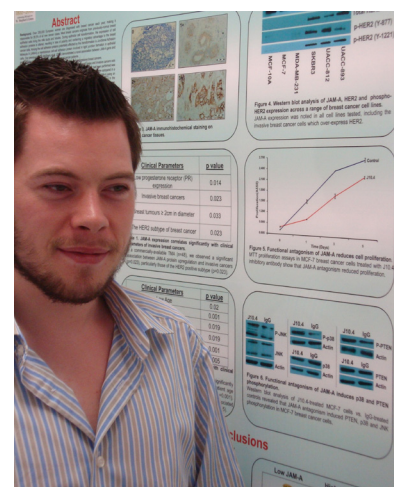
This was my first EACR meeting and I was excited about the fascinating talks given by highly renowned speakers. Moreover, I had the opportunity to show data of our ongoing studies and to advance my knowledge to future works and collaborations. The Programme of EACR-21 was of impressive quality, covering a range of topics of my particular interest such as genomics, epigenetics and molecular epidemiology. I fully recommended the EACR membership to all my colleagues in Brazil, showing them the possibilities to share opinions and to directly evolve the work once you will be informed about recent topics and techniques in cancer research. Finally, I really enjoyed my stay in Oslo, Norway.

### Kieran Brennan

Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland

The EACR meeting bursary allowed me to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> EACR meeting in Oslo. This was my first EACR meeting and I was excited about the fascinating talks given by highly renowned speakers in the field of cancer research. Moreover, I had the opportunity to meet people involved in cancer research to discuss my data and to advance my knowledge in the field. In addition, during the poster sessions, I presented my PhD study entitled "JAM-A Is Over-expressed in Aggressive HER2-Positive Breast Cancers". The results from this study suggest that over-expression of the tight junction protein JAM-A occurs in aggressive HER2-positive breast cancers. These results could have important implications for the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer in the future.

In summary, I would like to thank the EACR committee for providing me with this wonderful opportunity. I would highly recommend this conference to others and would also hope to attend EACR-22 in the Barcelona. Overall the conference provided a very encouraging, collaborative, and informative environment which further strengthened my enthusiasm for my current research studies.



Kieran Brennan defending his poster at the EACR-21 Poster Session

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