



## **iPROMEDAI Young Scientist Forum**

### **17 & 18 September, Thessaloniki Greece**

#### *General Information*

With a great honour we invite you to participate in the **Young Scientist Forum** organised by the **TD1305 COST Action iPROMEDAI** in the framework of the **EUROMAT 2017** conference and exhibition on advanced materials and processes. The iPROMEDAI Young Scientist Forum will provide interactive discussion sessions on topics that concern every Early Stage Researcher in the field of Advanced Antimicrobial Biomaterials. It will provide an interactive networking platform to share knowledge on and exchange experience about career opportunities, grant possibilities, scientific communication as well as work for/collaborate with industry.

**The event will take place 17 and 18 September 2017 in the Conference Cultural Centre “Thessaloniki Concert Hall”, Thessaloniki, Greece.**

#### *Program*

It will be an unique opportunity for the participants to:

- present their research interests
- learn about grant opportunities
- find other ESR partners for collaborative projects
- learn how to set up collaboration with industry
- be guided how to build your scientific career and network
- improve your scientific communication
- meet and establish cross-border contacts

#### *Travel Grants*

The COST action TD1305 “iPROMEDAI” will offer grants to active Early Stage Researchers (MSc students, PhD candidates, and postdocs) from European countries participating in the action. You can check whether your country is one of the members at the [COST website](#). The maximum total amount for the grant is EUR 800 to (partly) cover your flight, accommodation (daily allowance of max. EUR 100), meals and public transport costs. The grant can only be claimed by the COST association afterwards when the YSF is finished. For more details, please visit [www.cost.eu/Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum).

**Of note, participation is open for all ESRs, so you can also participate in the YSF if your institute or country is not part of iPROMEDAI but then your expenses will not be covered. This might be of particular interest for ESRs participating the EUROMAT 2017.**

#### *Registration Fee*

The Young Scientist Forum charges a registration fee of EUR 100.

#### *Admission*

The workshop is limited to 50 participants to allow interactive discussion sessions. In case of over-subscription, the organizers will select candidates based on geographical distribution and research activities. The selection will be final and not negotiable.



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To register, fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/ttUClo9iYwjGzY9H2>. The applications should be sent by email to Martijn Riool ([m.riool@amc.uva.nl](mailto:m.riool@amc.uva.nl)) by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Each application should contain:

- your CV;
- a short motivation letter for selection purposes. In the motivation letter, please explain why you would like to attend, including what you can contribute and how you think you will benefit from the meeting.

All selected participants will be asked to prepare a 3 minute presentation on their scientific interests and ongoing research, as well provide background of grant possibilities for ESR in their own country (via questionnaire).

### *Organizing Committee*

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**Looking forward to meet you at the iPROMEDAI Young Scientist Forum!**



## Tentative program

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of September

09:30 – 10:00	Registration	
<b>10:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 1 – Ice Breaker</b>	<b>Chair: Martijn Riool</b>
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome & general introduction	Aldona Mzyk (PL) & Martijn Riool (NL)
10:15 – 13:00	Introduction talks*	All participants
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
<b>14:30 – 18:30</b>	<b>Session 2 – Funding</b>	<b>Chair: Aldona Mzyk</b>
14:30 – 14:50	Overview (inter)national funding possibilities**	Aldona Mzyk / Martijn Riool
14:50 – 15:20	Experience from a grant awardee: ESR	Daniela Boehm (IE)
15:20 – 15:50	Experience from a grant awardee: Senior Scientist	Yannis Missirlis (GR)
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee & tea break	
16:10 – 16:40	How to approach a PI ('big name') for collaboration?	<i>To be announced</i>
16:40 – 17:10	ERC & Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships	<i>To be announced</i>
17:10 – 17:40	From a referee point of view	Kostantin Sipo (FR) – <i>live stream</i>
17:40 – 18:30	Q&A	Speaker panel
20:00	Welcome reception EUROMAT 2017	
*	<i>Introduction of background, current project(s) and research interest (3 min, up to 3 slides)</i>	
**	<i>Collected by email prior to YSF from all participants</i>	

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of September

09:00 – 10:30	Opening EUROMAT 2017	<i>Plenary session</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee & tea break	
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 3 – Science &amp; Communication</b>	<b>Chair: Martijn Riool</b>
11:00 – 11:40	From an editorial board point of view	<i>To be announced</i>
11:40 – 12:20	Scientific communication	Márcia Duarte (DE)
12:20 – 13:00	Q&A	Speaker panel
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
<b>15:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 4 – From Academia to Industry</b>	<b>Chair: Aldona Mzyk</b>
15:00 – 15:40	Young entrepreneur – view from a start-up company	Mateusz Dylag (PL)
15:40 – 16:20	Career paths in science – view from a large company	Ricky Woofter (US)
16:20 – 17:00	Q&A	Speaker panel
17:00 – 17:30	Coffee & tea break	
<b>17:30 – 19:30</b>	<b>Session 5 – Mentorship</b>	<b>Chair: Martijn Riool</b>
17:30 – 18:30	Keynote: Building your scientific career and network	Erik Riemhult (AT)
18:30 – 19:00	Q&A	
19:00 – 19:30	Closure of the meeting	Aldona Mzyk & Martijn Riool
21:00	YSF dinner	