

#DID YOU KNOW ?

EYIM



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EYIM IS A HIGH-LEVEL EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC MEETING ORGANISED ANNUALLY SINCE 2007 BY EUROPEAN PATIENT ORGANISATIONS, DEDICATED TO YOUNG RESEARCHERS WORKING ON CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF).

The European Cystic Fibrosis Young Investigator Meeting (EYIM) is organised by European CF patient organisations, under the umbrella of CF Europe and endorsed by the European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS). In 2023, the steering committee federated patient organisations from 6 countries: France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and the United Kingdom.

EYIM's format is designed to facilitate exchanges between participants coming from all fields of interest to cystic fibrosis research.

EYIM: *European cystic fibrosis Young Investigator Meeting*



KEY NUMBERS

- 3-day annual international meeting
- Around 40 young researchers and 10 senior researchers
- 30 oral presentations
- 15 poster presentations
- 6 thematic sessions: Cell Biology, Clinical Issues, Immunology, Microbiology, Genetics and Gene Therapy, Psychosocial Sciences.

Young researchers :

researchers under 40 years of age, most frequently doing a PhD or a post-doctorate (temporary research contract after a thesis in science).

Since 2007, there have been participants from 26 countries at EYIM!
Outside of Europe, participants have come from North America, Asia, and Oceania!

SOME HISTORY...

The first EYIM was held in 2007 and was created by Vaincre la Mucoviscidose and Mukoviszidose e.V, the French and German patient organisations. It first took place in Lille, France then Paris, France.

Today, 6 patient organisations take part in organizing EYIM.

Every year, **young researchers** apply to participate in EYIM by submitting an abstract of their scientific work. These applications are evaluated by international experts and around 40 young researchers are selected.



AN EVENT DEDICATED TO YOUNG RESEARCHERS

EYIM allows young researchers to present their work in English **in front of their peers** as well as **acquire scientific and clinical** knowledge in the field of CF, thanks to the presence of international experts from different disciplines.

EYIM also aims to **foster interactions between young scientists**, in order to support the next generation of CF researchers and give them the opportunity to build a truly collaborative European network.

OVERVIEW

During EYIM, all areas of CF research are tackled, so the scientific content is varied. All sessions being plenary, researchers from one discipline hear from the others and get a bird eye's view of research in CF. Time is also allocated to collaboration and networking, the context of CF research and life as a researcher in CF. Last but not least, a person with CF talks about their personal experience of the disease and underlines the need for CF research.



100

applications
from

13

countries

A record !



BACK TO EYIM 2023

In 2023, EYIM took place in person for the first time since 2020. This 16th edition was held in Paris from March 1st to 3rd 2023.

Out of 100 applications, 36 participants from 9 countries were selected: Italy, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Poland, Israel.

On the programme, in addition to the thematic sessions:

- A **"career speed dating"** session so that young researchers can exchange with senior researchers on **the difficulties and opportunities they encountered in their career.**
- **A challenge** : design a research project at the intersection of several fields of CF research.
- **The testimony** of a person with CF who received a **lung transplant.** ■

