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Creation of the EuPA Young Proteomics Investigators Club, YPIC

The creation of the **EuPA Young Proteomics Investigators Club (YPIC)** was agreed on and voted for at the last EuPA GC meeting held in Milano in June 2015. The initiative is motivated by the positive experience of some National Societies where young scientists already play an active role in activities of these Societies. The main objective of the EuPA YPIC is **to promote networking** among the most dynamic young European scientists with a common interest in proteomics. Having opportunities to interact with each other from the very beginning of their career will be an important step forward and a unique opportunity **to initiate collaborative work** and to plan future actions across Europe. Another objective is **to organize scientific meetings**, itself an important opportunity to learn how to plan an event, find sponsors, construct a scientific program, etc. In this way and by engaging with their international counterparts, the YPIC will contribute to increasing the visibility of EuPA worldwide.

Members of the YPIC should have obtained a **PhD or a Master degree in the last 7 years** and be a member of one of the national proteomics societies from EuPA.

A budget of 5,000 € has been allocated by EuPA to support forthcoming actions of the YPIC.

To launch the EuPA YPIC one representative per country has been nominated by its corresponding National Society. The representatives nominated so far are listed in Table 1.

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| Austria | Tamara Tomin |
| Belgium | Maarten Dhaenens |
| Croatia | Dina Rešetar |
| Denmark | Stefan Kempf |
| France | David Gomez- Zepeda |

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| Germany | Christine von Toerne |
| Greece | Athanasios Anagnostopoulos |
| Italy | Maurizio Ronci |
| Netherlands | Meike de Wit |
| Norway | Tina Rise Tuveng |
| Portugal | Catarina Franco |
| Russia | Ekaterina Poverennaya |
| Serbia | Marija Pljesa-Ercegovac |
| Spain | Luis Valledor |
| Turkey | Zeynep Durer |

Table 1. Nominated EuPA YPIC representatives.

This initial working group will be in charge of organizing the first actions of the YPIC in close collaboration with the EuPA Communication and Conference Committee.

A first informal meeting will be organized in Istanbul in June 2016 during the EuPA meeting to initiate the organization of a one-day satellite meeting of the EuPA/HUPO congress in Dublin in 2017. Other activities will also be discussed like the creation of a discussion forum associated with the EuPA website. EuPA YPIC will provide a unique opportunity for the next generation of scientists in the proteomics community to develop fruitful discussions and to establish valuable collaborations. Let's all support EuPA YPIC and encourage their efforts!

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