

## EUROLIFE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS TOGETHER



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### Eurolife Mini Symposium

23 May 2019, Leiden, the NETHERLANDS

#### *About*

*The Eurolife Mini Symposium, hosted at Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), brings together Eurolife Network Members, guests and academic speakers to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the network.*

*To mark this occasion, Eurolife has invited Honorary Guest, Prof. Stephen G Hillier from the University of Edinburgh. The former Coordinator of Eurolife will report on the founding and early history of the Eurolife network.*

# Eurolife Mini Symposium



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## RESEARCH INNOVATIONS IN ONCOLOGY

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Thursday, 23 May 2019

Venue: Buruma lecture hall, LUMC

### PROGRAM

16:00

#### WELCOME AND OPENING

- Prof.dr. Pancras Hogendoorn (Dean and Vice-Chair, LUMC)

Session 1

#### INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS IN ONCOLOGY

- Sylvie Noordermeer, PhD (Dept. of Human Genetics, LUMC)  
*Novel mechanisms of therapy resistance in BRCA1-mutated tumours*
- Fijs van Leeuwen, PhD (Dept. Of Radiology, LUMC)  
*Realizing image guidance in the area of surgical oncology*

#### EUROLIFE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

- Prof. Dr. Lorraine O'Driscoll (School of Pharmacy, Trinity College Dublin)  
*Hope and hypes of exosomes and other extracellular vesicles in cancer*

Session 2

#### THE FOUNDING AND EARLY HISTORY OF EUROLIFE

- Honorary Guest: Prof. Stephen G Hillier – University of Edinburgh. Founding father of Eurolife and former Coordinator of the network (1999-2002)

17:15

#### EUROLIFE RECEPTION IN FOYER

19:00

#### EUROLIFE WELCOME DINNER (ON INVITATION ONLY)








# The Story of Eurolife so far


*THE EUROLIFE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES IN LIFE SCIENCES CONSISTS OF NINE UNIVERSITIES ACROSS EUROPE, ALL DEDICATED TO THE TASK OF ADVANCING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE LIFE SCIENCES THROUGH WORKING PARTNERSHIPS.*



*THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER GÖTTINGEN IS THE CURRENT COORDINATOR OF THE NETWORK.*

## CHRONOLOGY OF EUROLIFE CHAIRS

- 2002 – 2005  PROF. COLIN C. BIRD, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
- 2005 – 2007  PROF. JAN CARLSTEDT-DUKE, KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET
- 2008 – 2011  PROF. DERMOT KELLEHER, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
- 2012 – 2014  PROF. PANCRAS C.W. HOGENDOORN, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
- 2015 – 2016  PROF. JORDI ALBERCH, UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA
- 2017  PROF. FRANCISCO CIRUELA, UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA
- 2018 – 2019  PROF. STEVEN JOHNSEN, UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER GÖTTINGEN

*Eurolife was formed on 21 May 1999 at a meeting hosted at the European Commission in Brussels, when seven European universities signed a document committing themselves to a Eurolife Network of European Universities, under the coordination of Prof. Stephen G Hillier, University of Edinburgh (1999-2002).* 

*The aim was to develop the “Eurolife brand” as the pre-eminent, identifiable and well-known standard for education and research in Europe, allowing portability of qualifications.*

*With effect from 1 January 2005 the University European Pole of Montpellier withdrew from the network. University of Barcelona and the University of Strasbourg joined the network in 2005. Eurolife was expanded in 2017 with the inclusion of Semmelweis University.*

## CURRENT EUROLIFE PARTNERS

-  UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER GÖTTINGEN - CHAIR
-  UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
-  TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
-  LEIDEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
-  KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET
-  SEMMELWEIS UNIVERSITY
-  MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK
-  UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG
-  UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA

# The Story of Eurolife continues ...

**The Eurolife Network HAS EVOLVED TO A HIGH LEVEL EUROPEAN COLLABORATION IN LIFE SCIENCES. SINCE ITS FOUNDING, A NUMBER OF EU-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF AT LEAST TWO EUROLIFE PARTNERS, THE NETWORK ESTABLISHED A NUMBER OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES AND AFFECTED THE ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIVES OF MANY STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS.**

Some of the successful projects so far, just to name a few, include the **EHVA**, European HIV Vaccine Alliance: EU platform for the discovery and evaluation of novel prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine candidates, **EU-ToxRisk**, an integrated European “flagship” program driving mechanism-based Toxicity Testing and Risk Assessment for the 21st century, the **EU-CERT-ICD**, a comparative effectiveness research to assess the use of primary Prophylactic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators in Europe, **EuroStemCell**, **NeuroTrauma**, **Eurogendis**, **Eurosterone**, **Autocure** and **Eugeneheart**.

**THE COLLABORATION OF EUROLIFE MEMBERS HAS RESULTED IN OVER 200 STUDENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE NETWORK’S PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND EUROLIFE PRIDES ITSELF IN ALREADY HAVING FACILITATED THE EXCHANGES OF OVER 50 STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE THREE EUROLIFE MOBILITY INITIATIVES:**

✚ **Eurolife Joint Program in Translational and Experimental Medicine (JPTeM)**

✚ **Eurolife Short-term Research Exchange Program**

*I strongly recommend taking the opportunity to go abroad to anyone that has the possibility. I am very grateful for the support by the Eurolife Mobility Program that enabled me to go abroad (Anna-Lena Katzke, Eurolife Mobility Program Grantee).*

✚ **Eurolife Scholarship Program for Early Career Researchers**

*This grant allowed me to learn new techniques and to exchange materials as well as knowledge to advance PAH and CTEPH research in the Netherlands (Konda Bau Kurakula, Eurolife Short-term Research Exchange Grantee).*

*Spending part of my early research career at such a prestigious university was an incredibly valuable experience. The exchange with Karolinska Institutet has been a great opportunity to become familiar with the analysis of large medical registry data. Registry-based research is playing an increasingly important role in epidemiologic research and comes with its own methodological challenges, which need to be taken into account to draw valid conclusions (Edouard Fu, Eurolife Scholarship Program for Early Career Researchers Grantee).*

**EUROLIFE HAS SO FAR FUNDED 59 GRANTS FOR THE ✚ *Eurolife Summer and Winter Schools*. FURTHER 18 GRANTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE **two Eurolife Summer Schools in 2019**.**

✚ **Eurolife Lecture Series** - FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC INTERACTIONS WITH THE GOAL TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS DEVELOPING NEW PAN-EUROPEAN STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN LIFE SCIENCE EDUCATION AND TO INCREASE INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION. FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF THE ACTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG IN 2018, EUROLIFE PLANS THE NEXT LECTURES TO TAKE PLACE AT THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK IN 2019.

✚ **Eurolife Distinguished Lecture Series** - LAUNCHED IN 2008, HAS SEEN 27 ACADEMIC EXPERTS IN THE FIELD PRESENT AT EUROLIFE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES PROMOTING A UNIFIED VISION OF THE AIMS OF THE NETWORK AND STIMULATING INTERACTION BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AT EUROLIFE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES.