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Introduction

In 1999 the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) created its own Foundation - the European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) - in order to support more actively diabetes research in Europe and to serve even more effectively the goals of EASD, which are: to encourage and support research in the field of diabetes, to rapidly diffuse acquired knowledge, and to facilitate its application.

EFSD is a non-profit foundation, which seeks to support the highest quality research in Europe to find a cure for all types of diabetes and associated complications and to prevent their onset. EFSD aims to co-operate with other government and non-government agencies in order to increase funding in European diabetes research as a means of achieving its goals. Through its various activities and programmes, the Foundation also strives to enhance awareness in Europe of the severity and magnitude of this devastating disease. It is the ambition of the Executive Committee to develop EFSD as the main European funding agency for diabetes research.

The Foundation is closely related to EASD; it is governed exclusively by the Executive Committee of EASD, which itself is under the close supervision of the EASD Council and General Assembly. The Foundation operates on a strictly non-profit basis under the control of the relevant authorities in Germany.

EFSD has committed an amount approaching 100 million Euro to European diabetes research

EFSD receives generous donations from industry which, together with standalone funding initiatives, has resulted in almost 100 million Euro being raised for diabetes research in Europe.

All applications are subject to rigorous peer review by a fully independent panel of leading experts in the field, and awards are based on scientific merit. Applications from non-profit organisations are welcome from Europe or any associated country as well as named non-European countries in the context of collaborative research programmes (see individual programme details).

Further information on EFSD Programmes is available on the website of the Foundation:

www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org
Grant Programmes
2013
EFSD Clinical Research Grants in the Field of Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD Clinical Research Grants Programme was created to stimulate research into all aspects of diabetes, with particular reference to epidemiology/genetics of prediabetes, diabetes and its micro- and macrovascular complications, pathophysiology and clinical aspects including vascular physiology and obesity. The proposed investigation must be carried out in humans; although in vitro and ex vivo studies are acceptable, the in vivo component must clearly be the more relevant part of the project.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Bastiaan de Galan: Radboud University - The Netherlands
Gijs Goossens: Maastricht University - The Netherlands
Åke Lernmark: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden
Gottfried Rudofsky: University Hospital Heidelberg - Germany
EFSD Research Programme in Diabetes and Cancer

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD Research Programme in Diabetes and Cancer was established in order to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at investigating why diabetes is associated with increased morbidity and mortality in certain forms of cancer. The role of diabetes therapy including molecular mechanisms is also of interest, and applications for projects carried out in collaboration between diabetes and cancer research institutions are especially welcome.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

- Romain Barres: NNF Center - Copenhagen, Denmark
- Mario Pende: INSERM, Paris - France
- Giovanni Solinas: University of Fribourg - Switzerland
- Antonio Zorzano: IRB, Barcelona - Spain
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EFSD New Horizons Collaborative Research Initiative

Programme and Research Focus

There is a rich history of diabetes research throughout Europe and its associated states. Historically, however, funding for such research tends to be unevenly distributed. The Foundation seeks to redress in part this imbalance and to foster inter-regional collaboration in diabetes research throughout Europe by making available grants through the EFSD New Horizons Collaborative Research Initiative.

This Programme aims to foster inter-regional collaboration in diabetes research throughout Europe on a competitive basis. It is open to investigators working in institutions in the following countries and proposing to collaborate with an investigator from a European country not on this list: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Petr Bouček: Diabetes Centre IKEM - Prague, Czech Republic  
Collaborating with University Hospital Würzburg - Germany
Jan Klimas: Comenius University Bratislava – Slovakia  
Collaborating with University of Amsterdam - The Netherlands
Laszlo Koranyi: Heart Centre Foundation - Balatonfüred, Hungary  
Collaborating with Malmö University Hospital - Sweden
Boris Mankovsky: National Medical Academy - Kiev, Ukraine  
Collaborating with Utrecht Medical Center – The Netherlands
Andres Metspalu: University of Tartu – Estonia  
Collaborating with University of Oulu - Finland
Tomas Venckunas: Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education – Kaunas  
Collaborating with Aberdeen University - UK
EFSD European Diabetes Research Programme in 
Patient Education

supported by an educational research grant from 
AstraZeneca

Programme and Research Focus

This Programme supports research into the clinical and medical evaluation of patient-related outcomes in relation to the type 2 diabetes chronic condition, the benefits of its treatment and management and the potential impact of educational and disease management programmes, focusing on holistic approaches to patients with type 2 diabetes, patient engagement and better understanding of the complex physiological and behavioural aspects of the disease.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, an award was made to the following:

Guy Rutten: University Medical Center Utrecht - The Netherlands
EFSD European Diabetes Research Programme in Cellular Plasticity Underlying the Pathophysiology of Type 2 Diabetes

supported by an educational research grant from AstraZeneca

Programme and Research Focus

Whilst it is recognised that type 2 diabetes is the consequence of inadequate beta cell function in the face of insulin resistance, the underlying molecular defects remain elusive. Recent results have implicated cellular plasticity in the disease process, with partial or complete dedifferentiation of beta cells and insulin target cells. A more complete understanding of such cellular plasticity in type 2 diabetes and the potential for its reversibility may lead to the development of novel therapies.

While all proposals relevant to this research focus will be considered, those projects studying the effect of GLP-1 or DPP4 inhibition on cellular plasticity underlying the recovery of beta cell function are particularly welcome.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Nils Billestrup: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Erwin Ilegems: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Teresa Pereira: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
EFSD European Clinical Diabetes Research Programme in Macrovacular Complications of Diabetes

supported by an educational research grant from AstraZeneca

Programme and Research Focus

This clinical diabetes research programme has been created in order to stimulate and accelerate European clinical research, and encourage projects aimed at advancing current knowledge of macrovascular complications of diabetes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, an award was made to the following:

Ewan Pearson: University of Dundee – UK
EFSD/Boehringer Ingelheim
European Diabetes Research Programme

Programme and Research Focus

EFSD and Boehringer Ingelheim have established a European diabetes research programme which consists of two elements, each with a different focus:

1. Regulation of secretion and/or function of pancreatic hormones. In particular, proposals dealing with the following are especially but not exclusively welcome: investigation of the role, function and mechanism of non-beta cells; crosstalk between various hormones and/or cell types of the endocrine pancreas. Only basic research projects will be considered for this Programme.

2. Mechanisms relating renal dysfunction to cardiovascular disease in type 2 diabetes. In particular, proposals dealing with the following are especially, but not exclusively, welcome: projects investigating novel biomarkers or the translation of experimental hypotheses and clinical results. Only clinical/translational research projects will be considered for this Programme.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Stefan Amisten: King’s College London - UK
Hiddo Heerspink: University Medical Centre Groningen - The Netherlands
Markus van der Giet: Charity University Berlin - Germany
EFSD/CDS/Lilly
Collaborative Diabetes Research Programme

Programme and Research Focus

EFSD and CDS and Lilly have established this partnership to target collaborative research endeavours between European and Chinese research centres and/or individual investigators in the area of diabetes and its complications to encourage new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this domain.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Yanrong Jiang: Peking University - China
  collaborating with University of Heidelberg, Germany
Yong Liu: Chinese Academy of Sciences - Shanghai, China
  collaborating with German Diabetes Center, Germany
Qihua Tan: Qingdao University Medical College - China
  collaborating with Odense University Hospital, Denmark
Jun Wang: BGI Shenzhen – China
  Collaborating with Maastricht University, The Netherlands
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EFSD/JDRF/Novo Nordisk
European Programme in Type 1 Diabetes Research

Programme and Research Focus

The specific goals of this Programme are to:
i.) promote the highest quality of basic and clinical biomedical research in Europe and its associated countries applicable to type 1 diabetes
ii.) expedite the practical application of scientific advances in our understanding of the aetiology, pathogenesis, treatment and prevention of type 1 diabetes and its complications
iii.) encourage clinical translational research bridging the bench and the bedside
iv.) increase awareness of type 1 diabetes research throughout Europe

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Tiziana Brevini: University of Milan - Italy
Paolo Monti: San Raffaele Scientific Institute - Milan, Italy
Mark Peakman: King's College London - UK
Flemming Pociot: Herlev University Hospital - Denmark
Lydia Sorokin: University of Münster - Germany
Outi Vaarala: National Institute for Health and Welfare - Helsinki, Finland
EFSD/Janssen
Programme for the Study of the Role of the Kidney in Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/Janssen Programme for the Study of the Role of the Kidney in Diabetes is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at understanding the role of the kidney in diabetes. The emphasis of the Programme is on renal glucose handling and metabolism, and in particular its physiological and pathophysiological role in type 2 diabetes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Edward Debnam: University College London - UK
Afshan Malik: King's College London - UK
Gianpaolo Zerbini: San Raffaele Foundation - Milan, Italy
EFSD/Lilly
European Diabetes Research Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/Lilly European Diabetes Research Programme is established within the frame of the EFSD/Lilly Fund, which was launched in 2003. The goals of the Fund are: to promote increased European research in diabetes, support training and mobility programmes in diabetes research for young clinicians and scientists, and increase awareness of the burden of diabetes and its complications throughout Europe.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Julien Diana: St Vincent de Paul Hospital - Paris, France
Hélène Duez: University of Lille - France
Kathrin Maedler: University of Bremen - Germany
Margit Mahlapuu: University of Gothenburg - Sweden
Anna Novials: IDIBAPS - Barcelona, Spain
Cesare Patrone: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Adam Rose: German Cancer Research Center - Heidelberg, Germany
Allan Vaag: Copenhagen University Hospital - Denmark
EFSD/Lilly
Mental Health and Diabetes Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/Lilly Mental Health and Diabetes Programme is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at clinical investigations into improved care of patients with diabetes and mental diseases including all forms of depression, schizophrenia and Alzheimer’s. Special emphasis should be given to improving the co-operation between psychiatric and diabetes care.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Maartje de Wit: VU Amsterdam - The Netherlands
Cristina Hernandez: Vall d’Hebron Research Institute - Barcelona, Spain
EFSD/MSD
European Research Programme on Novel Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/MSD European Research Programme on Novel Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research focusing on the identification and molecular understanding of new targets for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

- Fatima Bosch: Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona - Spain
- Lucile Garidou: INSERM - Toulouse, France
- Rinke Stienstra: Radbound University - Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Patrick Delhanty: Erasmus MC - Rotterdam, The Netherlands
EFSD/Novartis
European Research Programme in Microvascular Complications of Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

EFSD and Novartis have established this programme to encourage new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in microvascular complications of diabetes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Gian Paolo Fadini: University of Padua - Italy
Hans Peter Hammes: University of Heidelberg - Germany
Massimo Porta: University of Turin - Italy
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EFSD/Novo Nordisk
Programme for Diabetes Research in Europe

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/Novo Nordisk Programme for Diabetes Research in Europe was created to encourage both clinical and basic research in diabetes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Riccardo Bonadonna: University of Verona - Italy
Meal glucose regulation in patients with type 1 diabetes on insulin pump therapy: towards a better understanding of the glucose-insulin system

Claudia P. Coomans: Leiden University Medical Center - The Netherlands
Targeting brown adipose tissue activity as therapy for obesity and diabetes resulting from circadian dysregulation

Jorge Ferrer: Imperial College London - UK
Epigenetic regulation of beta cell development and growth

Olga Gornik: University of Zagreb - Croatia
Protein fucosylation in diagnosis of maturity onset diabetes of the young

Francesco Villarroya: University of Barcelona - Spain
Identification of novel endocrine factors secreted by brown fat (batokines) with anti-diabetic action
EFSD/Sanofi
European Research Programme: Innovative Approaches for the Treatment of Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

The Programme is intended to stimulate and accelerate European basic and clinical research focusing on innovative approaches to treat type 1 and/or type 2 diabetes through increased understanding of the underlying pathophysiological processes.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Sylvie Guerder: The Physiopathology Center of Tolouse Purpan - France
Pedro Herrera: University of Geneva - Switzerland
Nigel Irwin: University of Ulster - UK
Nina Kaludercic: National Research Council - Padova, Italy
Yossef Tam: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Israel
EFSD/Sanofi
Programme for Collaborative Clinical Diabetes Research Between European and Non-European Countries

Programme and Research Focus

The programme was established to initiate and strengthen the collaboration between European clinical research and researchers in rapidly developing countries where clinical research is approaching the standard of international excellence which would particularly benefit from the collaboration with, and access to, the leading research institutes in Europe.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, no awards were made in 2013.
Fellowship Programmes
2013
Albert Renold Fellowships
Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD)

Albert Renold Fellowships, enable young scientists to travel to and stay at other institutions in order to learn new techniques in basic or clinical diabetes research. The duration of the stay should not exceed three months. Albert Renold Fellowships are available throughout the year.

In 2013 the following Fellowships were awarded:

1. Nicolae Panduru: visiting Biomedicum Helsinki - Finland
2. Efstatia Koloverou: visiting Joslin Diabetes Center - Boston, USA
3. Tamar Kakhniaashvili: visiting University of Padova - Italy
4. Tinatin Goginashvili: visiting University of Padova - Italy
5. Lianne de Vries: visiting University of N. Carolina - USA
6. Baroj Abdulkarim: visiting University of Cambridge - UK
7. Carlos Ferreira: visiting Biomedical Institute - Madrid, Spain
8. Anna Palatucci: visiting University of California - USA
9. Dorinda da Silva: visiting University of Coimbra - Portugal
10. Olga Bielska: visiting University of Florida, USA
11. Anna Long: visiting Benaroya Institute - WA, USA
12. Johannes Broichhagen: visiting Imperial College London - UK
13. Elisa Benetti: visiting University of Ireland
14. Joshua Menang Ngwang: visiting Central Manchester University - UK
15. Saikat Mukherjee: visiting King's College London - UK
16. Laura Gray: visiting University of Sydney - Australia
17. Chrysi Koliaki: visiting Heinrich Heine University - Düsseldorf, Germany
18. Águeda Gonzalez Rodriguez: visiting University of Cambridge - UK
19. Angela Serena Maione: visiting Heidelberg University - Germany
20. Eelco van Duinkerken: visiting University of Pittsburgh - PA, USA
21. Letizia Marullo: visiting Imperial College London - UK
22. Catherine Crola: visiting Duke University - North Carolina, USA
23. Nathan Medina-Rodriguez: visiting Novo Nordisk Foundation - Copenhagen, Denmark
24. Wannes D'Hertog: visiting University of Geneva - Switzerland
25. Monica Zuzarte: visiting Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Boston, USA
26. Xuan Shi Liu: visiting Wellcome Trust - Cambridge, UK
27. Gilda Varracchi: visiting Imperial College - London, UK
28. Javier Jaldín-Fincati: visiting University Clinic Hamburg-Eppendorf - Germany
29. Sara Schütze: visiting Joslin Diabetes Center - MA, USA
30. Ana Sofia Da Costa: visiting University of Barcelona - Spain
31. Viviana Vastolo: visiting CRG - Barcelona, Spain
32. Juan de Toro Martin: visiting CRC - Paris, France
33. Rosa Nugnes: visiting University of California - USA
34. Crystal Man Ying Lee: visiting University of Leicester - UK
35. Nordin Hanssen: visiting Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute - Melbourne, Australia
36. Sara García Serrano: visiting University of Miami - USA
37. Attilo Pingatore: visiting King's College London - UK
38. Araceli Munoz: visiting University of Cambridge - UK
39. Joana Oliveira: visiting Free University Brussels - Belgium
40. Annemarie Rietman: visiting Massachusetts General Hospital - Boston, USA
41. Nicoleta Carmen Cosma: visiting Bordeaux University - France
42. Camilla Pedersen: visiting Catholic University of Louvain - Belgium
43. Tanja Dujic: visiting University of Dundee - UK
44. Marjolein Zanders: visiting University of Alberta - Canada
45. Alfonso Galderisi: visiting Joslin Diabetes Center - MA, USA
46. Rebeca Fernando Ruiz: visiting Oxford Centre for Diabetes - UK
47. Vera Lucia Gomes Francisco: visiting CSIC/UAM - Madrid, Spain
48. Girishkumar Maganlal Parmar: visiting Manchester Royal Infirmary - UK
49. Federica Barutta: visiting University of S. California, USA
50. Rikard Göran Fred: visiting King's College London - UK
51. Ines de Sousa Lima: visiting Harvard Medical School - Boston, USA
52. Andrea Pica: visiting Medical Research Council - London, UK
Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD/JDS Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowships is to encourage collaborative research in the field of diabetes. Applications for Fellowships to carry out a scientific project will be accepted from both applicants working in Japan to travel to Europe or its associated countries and also from applicants working in Europe or its associated countries to travel to Japan. The host institution must be a recognised research institution and applicants should have demonstrated their ability in the field of diabetes research.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, no awards were made in 2013.
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EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme
supported by Janssen

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme aims to identify promising and innovative young researchers who are developing their research activities in Europe. Selected candidates receive a fellowship award, and also have the opportunity to present an overview of their past and ongoing research activities during a multidisciplinary research symposium at the EASD Annual Meeting.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Andrew Pospisilik: Max Planck Institute - Freiburg, Germany
David John Preiss: University of Glasgow - UK
Anders Rosengren: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden
Gzegorz Sumara: CERBM - Illkirch-Graffenstaden, France
EFSD/JDRF/Novo Nordisk
Research Fellowship Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD/JDRF/NN Research Fellowships is to support young investigators engaged in research focused on type 1 diabetes and its complications.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, an award was made to the following:

Abby Willcox: University of Bristol - UK
EFSD/Lilly Research Fellowship Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD/Lilly Research Fellowships is to encourage innovative research in the fields of diabetes and its complications, and to promote excellence in medical education. Applicants should have demonstrated their ability in the field of diabetes research.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

- Paloma Alonso-Magdalena: Miguel Hernandez University - Elche, Spain
- Jordi Altirriba: University of Geneva - Switzerland
- Yvonne Böttcher: University of Leipzig - Germany
- Josep Mercader: Technical University of Catalonia - Barcelona, Spain
- Emma Nilsson: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden
- Francisco Ortega: Biomedical Research Institute of Girona - Spain
- Janna van Diepen: Radboud University - Nijmegen, The Netherlands
EFSD/CDS/Lilly

Collaborative Diabetes Research Fellowship Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD/CDS/Lilly Research Fellowships is to encourage collaborative research in the field of diabetes. Applications for fellowships may be accepted from applicants working in China to carry out a scientific project in a recognised research institution in Europe or its associated countries. Applicants should have demonstrated their ability in the field of diabetes research.

Awards in 2013

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, an award was made to the following:

Zhirong Zhang: Xiamen University - China
    collaborating with Institute of Genetics and Molecular and Cellular Biology, France

Further Programme details and all deadline dates can be found on the EFSD website:

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