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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 over 100 million Euro to European diabetes research

EFSD receives generous donations from industry which, together with standalone funding initiatives, has resulted over 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

2016
EFSD-PACT FOR DIABETES PROJECT

Patient-Centred Treatment to support a holistic approach towards type 2 diabetes

supported by an educational research grant from AstraZeneca

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD PACT for Diabetes Project was created to develop novel evidence-based approaches for the management of type 2 diabetes.

Awards in 2016

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

Apostolos Tsapas: Aristotle University Thessaloniki – Greece
EFSD/Boehringer Ingelheim
European Research Programme in Microvascular Complications of Diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

This EFSD/Boehringer Ingelheim European Diabetes Research Programme is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research in the specific area of microvascular complications (retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy) of diabetes.

Awards in 2016

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

Ariela Benigni: Mario Negri Institute - Bergamo, Italy
Sanna Lehtonen: University of Helsinki - Finland
Afshan Malik: King’s College London - UK
Massimo Porta: University of Turin - Italy
Gianpaolo Zerbini: San Raffaele Institute - Milan, Italy
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EFSD/JDRF/Lilly
European Programme in Type 1 Diabetes Research

Programme and Research Focus
The EFSD/JDRF/Lilly European Programme in Type 1 Diabetes Research encourages new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this domain.

Each year the Programme particularly welcomes projects in specific focus areas dealing with the aetiology, pathogenesis, treatment and prevention of type 1 diabetes and its complications.

Awards in 2016
Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Mario Galgani: “G Salvatore” National Research Council – Naples, Italy
Ben Giepmans: University Medical Center Groningen – The Netherlands
Agnes Lehuen: Cochin Institute - Paris, France
Christopher O’Callaghan: University of Oxford – UK
Carlos Penha-Concalves: Gulbenkian Science Institute – Oeiras, Portugal
Romano Regazzi: University of Lausanne – Switzerland
EFSD/Lilly

European Diabetes Research Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/Lilly European Diabetes Research Fund was created to promote increased European diabetes research and to increase public awareness and political understanding of the magnitude and burden of the disease.

The EFSD/Lilly Programme will accept applications within any area of basic or clinical diabetes research.

Awards in 2016

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

Fredrik Bäckhed: University of Gothenburg – Sweden
Amélie Bonnefond: Pasteur Institute of Lille – France
Caroline Bonner: University of Lille - France
Natalie Gardiner: University of Manchester - UK
Jens Juul Holst: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
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Guadalupe Sabio: CNIC - Madrid, Spain
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EFSD European Research Programme on New Targets for Type 2 Diabetes

supported by an educational research grant from MSD

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/MSD European Research Programme on New Targets 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 2016

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

Nicolas Bonnet: University Geneva Hospital - Switzerland
Joerg Heeren: University Medical Centre Hamburg Eppendorf - Germany
Matthijs Hesselink: Maastricht University - The Netherlands
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. Applications from all fields of diabetes research, including both basic and clinical research, were welcome.

Awards in 2016

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

Peter Carmeliet: Flanders Institute for Biotechnology - Zwijnaarde, Belgium
Herminia González-Navarro: Institute of Health Research - Valencia, Spain
Margit Mahlapuu: University of Gothenburg - Sweden
Luca Scorrano: Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine - Padua, Italy
Rudi Vennenkens: Catholic University Leuven - Belgium
Fellowship Programmes

2016
EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme

supported by an unrestricted educational grant from
Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD)

The EFSD Albert Renold Fellowship Programme enables 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 2016 the following Fellowships were awarded:

Ana Catarina Fonseca: University of Coimbra - Portugal
Ana Oliveira: University of Coimbra - Portugal
Ana Rita Silva Moreira: University of Coimbra - Portugal
Antonia Feola: Second University of Naples - Italy
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Cathal J. Kearney: Royal College of Surgeons - Ireland
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Cristiano Santos: University of Coimbra - Portugal
Cristina Beltrami: University of Bristol – UK
Efi Koloverou: Harokopio University - Greece
Elena Kempf: University of Leipzig - Germany
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Jakob Wikstrom: Karolinska University Hospital, Solina - Sweden
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Leticia Ferreira Terra: University of Sao Paulo - Brazil
Linda Zaharenko: Latvian Biomedical Research & Study Center - Latvia
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EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme

supported by Novo Nordisk

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 2016

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

Francesca D'Addio: San Raffaele Scientific Institute - Milan, Italy
Angus Jones: University of Exeter - UK
Sander Kooijman: Leiden University - The Netherlands
Niina Sandholm: Folkhälsan Research Center - Helsinki, Finland
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 2016

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

Maria Rosaria Ambrosio: University of Naples "Federico II" - Italy
Jesus Blanco: IDIBAPS - Barcelona, Spain
Jorge Correira: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Rodolphe Dusaulcy: University of Geneva Medical School - Switzerland
Gian Paolo Fadini: Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine - Padua, Italy
Kathrin Gaens: Maastricht University - The Netherlands
Nikhil Gandasi: Uppsala University - Sweden
Nordin Hassen: Maastricht University - The Netherlands
Aurora Mazzeo: University of Turin – Italy

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

www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org
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