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# Report 2017

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### Introduction

The European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) was created by the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) 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. The EFSD began its work in 2000 and has become a significant European funding agency for diabetes research, and is continually striving to enhance diabetes awareness in Europe.

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](http://www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org)

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# Grant Programmes

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## **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 2017**

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

Hiddo Heerspink: University Medical Center Groningen - Netherlands

Claire Hills: University of Lincoln - UK

Carel Le Roux: University College Dublin - Ireland

Rossella Menghini: University of Rome "Tor Vergata" - Italy

## **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 2017**

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

Paul Caton: King's College London - UK

Rosa Gasa: IDIBAPS - Barcelona, Spain

Silvia Gregori: San Raffaele Scientific Institute - Milan, Italy

Esteban Nicolas Gurzov: Free University Brussels - Belgium

Valeria Sordi: San Raffaele Scientific Institute - Milan, Italy

Jorma Toppari: University of Turku - Finland

### **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 2017**

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

Rémy Burcelin: Rangueil Hospital - Toulouse, France  
Marc Claret: IDIBAPS - Barcelona, Spain  
Gabriela da Silva Xavier: Imperial College London - UK  
Elise Dalmás: Cochin Institute - Paris, France  
Julien Diana: Necker Hospital - Paris, France  
Brice Emanuelli: University of Copenhagen - Denmark  
Gijs Goossens: Maastricht University - Netherlands  
Gabiella Gruden: University of Turin - Italy  
Nigel Irwin: Ulster University - UK  
Richard David Leslie: Blizzard Institute - London, UK  
Margit Mahlapuu: University of Gothenburg - Sweden  
Peter van Endert: Necker Hospital - Paris, France

## **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 2017**

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

Irene Cózar-Castellano: University of Valladolid - Spain

Pirjo Nuutila: University of Turku - Finland

Shanta Persaud: King's College London - UK

Tamás Röszer: University of Ulm - Germany

Susanna Törnroth Horsefield: Lund University - Sweden

Quan Zhang: University of Oxford - UK



## **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 2017**

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

Karine Clément: Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital - Paris, France  
Fiona Gribble: University of Cambridge - UK  
Mariana Igoillo-Esteve: Free University Brussels - Belgium  
Filip Knop: University of Copenhagen - Denmark  
Limor Landsman: Tel Aviv University - Israel  
Rashmi Prasad: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden  
Anders Tengholm: Uppsala University - Sweden  
Rebecca Wall: Örebro University - Sweden  
Christodoulos Xinaris: Mario Negri Institute - Bergamo, Italy

## **EFSD and Sanofi**

### **European Diabetes Research Programme in Macrovascular Complications**

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

This EFSD/Sanofi European Diabetes Research Programme in Macrovascular Complications is to encourage new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this field and intended to stimulate and accelerate European research on macrovascular complications.

#### **Awards in 2017**

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

Martijn Brouwers: Maastricht University Medical Centre - Netherlands

Claudia Menzaghi: IRCCS "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" San Giovanni Rotondo - Italy

## **EFSD and Sanofi**

### **European Pilot Research Grants for Innovative Measurement of Diabetes Outcomes**

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

These EFSD/Sanofi European Pilot Research Grants are intended to help develop innovative means to document and validate novel parameters indicative of long-term benefits for patients with diabetes.

#### **Awards in 2017**

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

Yang De Marinis: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden

Cristina Hernández: Vall d'Hebron Research Institute – Barcelona, Spain

Lucia La Sala: IRCSS MultiMedica – Milan, Italy

Claire Meek: University of Cambridge - UK

## **EFSD-INTENSE Project:**

### **ImproviNg Treatment adhErence iN people with diabeteS mEllitus**

Supported in part by an unrestricted educational grant from Servier

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

This EFSD project has been created to develop novel evidence-based approaches for the enhancement of patient adherence in type 2 diabetes therapy.

#### **Awards in 2017**

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

Petra Elders: VUMC Medical Centre - Amsterdam, Netherlands

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# Fellowship Programmes

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## EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme

The EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme enables scientists and clinicians to travel and stay at other institutions in order to learn different techniques related to diabetes research. The duration of the stay should not exceed three months. Albert Renold Fellowships are available throughout the year.

In 2017 the following Fellowships were awarded:

Adela Brahimaj: Erasmus MC – Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Anastasios Kollias: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece  
Anne-Sophie Sejling: Nordsjællands Hospital – Hillerød, Denmark  
Areti Triantafyllou: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Greece  
Christine Henke: University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus at the TU Dresden - Germany  
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Diana Maria Willmes: Paul Langerhans Institute Dresden, Technical University Dresden - Germany  
Drazenka Pongrac Barlovic: University Medical Centre Ljubljana - Slovenia  
Emanuel Canfora: Maastricht University Medical Centre - Netherlands  
Fausto Chiazza: University of Turin - Italy  
Gustavo Jorge Dos Santos: Federal University of Santa Catarina - Brazil  
Jovana Trifunovic: University of Novi Sad - Serbia  
Julia Münzker: Medical University of Graz - Austria  
Kim Braun: Erasmus MC – Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Magda Cepeda: Erasmus MC – Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Marga Giménez Àlvarez: Hospital Clinic IDIBAPS – Barcelona, Spain  
Marianna Aprile: National Research Council of Italy (CNR) – Naples, Italy  
Mariasara Persano: Universtiy of Padua - Italy  
Marta Seghieri: University of Pisa - Italy  
Natalia Violato: State Univeristy of São Paulo - Brazil  
Nordin Hanssen: Maastricht University – Netherlands  
Petra Kotzbeck: Medical University of Graz - Austria  
Raymond Noordam: Leiden University Medical Center - Netherlands  
Reinaldo Sousa dos Santos: Université Libre de Bruxelles - Belgium  
Sofie Hædersdal: Copenhagen University - Denmark  
Soile Tuomela: Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge – Stockholm, Sweden  
Yuting Xie: The Second Xiangya Hospital, Central South University – Hunan, China

## **EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship Programme for Clinical Diabetologists**

Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from AstraZeneca

### **Programme and Research Focus**

This EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship Programme for Clinical Diabetologists is to encourage and support research in the field of diabetes, to rapidly diffuse acquired knowledge and to facilitate its application. The major goal of this Mentorship Programme will be to identify and promote the advancement of the next generation of leading clinical diabetologists in Europe.

### **Awards in 2017**

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

Giuseppe Daniele: University of Pisa – Italy

Ernesto Maddaloni: University Campus Bio-Medico - Rome, Italy

Teresa Mezza: Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Rome, Italy

Shivani Misra: Imperial College London – UK

Djordje Popovic: University of Novi Sad – Serbia

## **EFSD and Japan Diabetes Society (JDS)**

### **Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme**

*The objective of the EFSD/JDS Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme is to encourage collaborative research in the field of diabetes.*

#### **Awards in 2017**

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

Karim Bouzakri: University of Strasbourg - France  
Kohei Kido: Ritsumeikan University - Shiga, Japan  
Kazuhiro Nomura: Kobe University – Japan



## EFSD/Lilly

### Research Fellowship Programme

#### Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Awards 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 2017

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

Amin Ardestani: University of Bremen - Germany  
Daniele Barbato: University of Rome Tor Vergata - Italy  
Rongrong Fan: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden  
Marta Guasch-Ferré: Pere Virgili Health Research Institute - Reus, Spain  
Ka-Cheuk Liu: Karolinska Institute – Stockholm, Sweden  
Annika Mehlem: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden  
Teresa Mezza: Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Rome, Italy  
Ivana Nikolić: Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research - Madrid, Spain

## 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 2017

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

Gustaf Christoffersson: Uppsala University - Sweden

Teresa Mezza: Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Rome, Italy

Andrew Wood: University of Exeter - UK

Hanieh Yaghootkar: University of Exeter - UK

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

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## Review Committee Members

EFSD is most grateful to the following colleagues who served on the programme review committees in 2017:

Hadi Al-Hasani	Claes-Göran Östenson
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### Executive Committee:

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