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## **EUFEPS Annual Meeting 2021** **7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June**



The first virtual annual meeting will take place between 7 and 9 June in collaboration with Chalmers University of Technology, AstraZeneca, Swedish Drug Delivery Forum and Swedish Pharmaceutical Society. The program will include parallel tracks organized by EUFEPS Networks as well as other leading European science networks/research consortiums.

The aim of the Annual meeting is to bring together people from all over the world who are involved in pharmaceutical sciences in order to exchange the latest results, experiences, and information and to build communication and collaboration at regional and global scales. Another aim is to provide inspiring lectures giving insights into the future drug development and health care applications.

This meeting will be focused on the theme “Bridging the gap between the patient and the product design”. The main track of the meeting will continue throughout the scientific program on June 7 - 9 covering academic work and industrial application in a multitude of areas within pharmaceutical sciences. It will be performed a lesson learnt session about drug treatments of COVID-19.

In total, this Annual meeting will be held with prominent plenary lecturers, invited session speakers and short oral presentations selected among the abstracts. EJPS Best Paper Award, Best Poster Award, EUFEPS WIPS Women in Pharmaceutical Sciences Award and EUFEPS Presidential Distinction Award will be presented during the awards ceremony.

## **45<sup>th</sup> FEBS Congress, Virtual event from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



The 45<sup>th</sup> FEBS Congress, entitled “Molecules of Life: Towards New Horizons“, will be held as a virtual event from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, being hosted by the Slovenian Biochemical Society together with the Croatian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. It was planned originally to be held in July 2020 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, with the preceding FEBS Young Scientists’ Forum (YSF) in Lovran, Croatia. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the arrangements had to be changed, converting it to an online experience. As host societies for the 45<sup>th</sup> FEBS Congress, the Slovenian Biochemical Society and the Croatian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology are still hoping to bring a little flavour of the originally planned locations of the Congress and YSF to the virtual events.

A virtual Congress cannot be equal to a physical one, particularly regarding social interactions, but there are some benefits as well, keeping the attractive features of the previous FEBS Congresses, such as excellent scientific presentations and discussions, poster sessions and interesting special sessions and workshops. The Congress will feature an impressive number of distinguished scientists presenting key research findings on biochemistry and molecular biology and other related disciplines.

Besides prestigious plenary and invited symposium lectures, various shorter talks (short, speed and early-bird) and poster sessions will give the opportunity to most participants to present their work at the Congress. The program includes also a range of science-related educational and social topics as well as an exhibition and updates from non-academic partners and industry.

This extraordinary time of the COVID pandemic is a period when science has provided solutions to a global problem, and also when researchers and educators may need extra support and encouragement from coming together as a community.