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# Report 2016

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

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# Grant Programmes

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## **EFSD-PACT FOR DIABETES PROJECT**

**P**atient-Centred **T**reatment 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

## 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

Michal Marzec: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Christien Merrifield: Institute for Integrative Cell Biology - Gif sur Yvette, France

Guadalupe Sabio: CNIC - Madrid, Spain

Anja Zeigerer: Hemholtz Center Munich - Germany

## **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 Vennekens: Catholic University Leuven - Belgium

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# Fellowship Programmes

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## 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  
Brandon Kayser: Institut de Cardiométabolisme et Nutrition (ICAN) & INSERM U1166 - France  
Cathal J. Kearney: Royal College of Surgeons - Ireland  
Cefalo Chiara Maria Assunta: Catholic University Del Sacro Cuore, Rome - Italy  
Cristiano Santos: University of Coimbra - Portugal  
Cristina Beltrami: University of Bristol – UK  
Efi Koloverou: Harokopio University - Greece  
Elena Kempf: University of Leipzig - Germany  
Isabel Huang-Doran: University of Cambridge - UK  
Jakob Wikstrom: Karolinska University Hospital, Solina - Sweden  
Jana Nano: Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam - The Netherlands  
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Josje Schoufour: Erasmus University Medical Center - The Netherlands  
Laura Brugnara: August Pi i Sunyer Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBAPS), Barcelona - Spain  
Leticia Ferreira Terra: University of Sao Paulo - Brazil  
Linda Zaharenko: Latvian Biomedical Research & Study Center - Latvia  
Louise Lang: Lejrskov Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen - Denmark  
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Oladapo Edward Olaniru: King's College London - UK  
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Yidan Sun: Medical University of Graz - Austria  
Zhanna Radikovna Balkhiyarova: Bashkir State University of Medicine - Russia  
Zydrune Polianskyte-Prause: University of Helsinki – Finland

## **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 Correia: 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:

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## Review Committee Members

EFSD is most grateful to the following colleagues who served on the programme review committees in 2016:

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## EFSD Executive Committee and Administration

### Executive Committee:

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