



proEVLifeCycle NEWSLETTER

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CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND SYMPOSIA

This year, proEVLifeCycle students attended a considerable number of conferences and symposia, an aspect of scientific exchange that was not feasible in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Mariama (ESR2) presented her project on characterizing EV sub-population secretion by prostate cancer cells as an invited speaker at the postgraduate research symposium of the Division of Cancer and Genetics, Cardiff University. Ana (ESR4) presented posters about her work at the Blood-Brain-Barrier symposium in Bari and attended the EUSAAT Congress with Pedro (ESR9), who gave a short talk on building virtual cohorts via the integration of public data, for which he received an ECOPA Young Scientist Travel Award. Congrats! Pol (ESR10) gave a short talk about his project at the Controlled Release Society (CRS) local chapter meeting in Aachen, Germany, and he also attended the 17th edition of Liposome Research Days (LRD) in Vancouver, Canada, where he presented a poster on prostate cancer targeted LNPs. Ingrid (ESR8) attended the EMBL Symposium “Defining and Defeating metastasis” and the EMBO Workshop “Persistent Cancer Cell”, where she presented her work on transcriptomic subtypes of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. Misba (ESR3) and Ingrid both presented their projects through short talks at the European Prostate Cancer Alliance meeting. Guillermo (ESR5) presented a poster at the METABOLOMICS2022 meeting and had a talk at FSEV2022. Ardalan (ESR1) also presented his findings at the NSEV2022 meeting. Many ESRs also attended the Norwegian Prostate Cancer Symposium and the ISEV2022 meeting, about which you can find out more on the next page.

ISEV 2022 – Lyon, May 26 - 29, 2022

11th International Society for Extracellular Vesicles Annual Meeting (ISEV2022) took place at the Centre des Congrès in Lyon, France. Education Day, held on the 25th of May, covered the current developments in the field of EV research. Many proEVLifeCycle PIs and ESRs joined the conference, and the ESRs got a chance to present their work through poster presentations. This conference was the world's largest meeting focusing on EV research and brought together scientists from academia, clinicians, and industry experts. It provided opportunities for networking between EV researchers and established experts, with a common goal of understanding EVs and applying that knowledge for societal and economic benefit.



The Norwegian Cancer Symposium – Oslo, September 14 - 15, 2022

Several members of the proEVLifeCycle consortium attended The Norwegian Cancer Symposium in Oslo. This was the 8th in the bi-annual series of meetings organized by the Institute for Cancer Research of Oslo University Hospital. This year, the emphasis of the symposium was on precision medicine in prostate cancer. The program consisted of four sessions focusing on the implementation of molecular tests in the clinic and their potential to enable precision medicine, pitfalls and opportunities in biomarker discovery and the impact of the tumor microenvironment in precision medicine. The proEVLifeCycle network coordinator, G. Jenster, was among the keynote speakers and presented an engaging talk on European scientific frameworks and the modern approaches to science as a collaborative endeavour. Four proEVLifeCycle ESRs attended the symposium and showcased their PhD work involving biomarker discovery across different stages of prostate cancer as part of the poster presentation session. Overall, the symposium provided a unique and inspiring setting for scientific dissemination and networking between researchers, clinicians, and industry leaders in the field of prostate cancer.

proEVLifeCycle meetings

5th proEVlifecycle Meeting – Paris, May 23 - 24, 2022

Members of the proEVLifeCycle consortium met again in May in Paris, France. The program included talks by two keynote speakers: Frederik Verweij from the University of Utrecht and Amanda Silva Brun from the University of Paris. ESR presentations were the focal point of the meeting as new and exciting results were shared within the consortium and followed by thought-provoking discussions and exchange of ideas. ESR communication training included an interesting session led by a famous drama theatre actor, Gary Fordham. Gary made the session very interactive by coaching the ESRs on various aspects of public speaking. The highlight of the conference was the gala dinner at Bateaux-Mouches, where we got spectacular views of the city along the river Seine.



6th proEVLifeCycle Meeting - Barcelona, November 7 - 9, 2022

This November, we held our last face-to-face meeting in Barcelona, Spain, where we were able to discuss our latest advances in the fields of extracellular vesicles and prostate cancer. Apart from ESR presentations, the programme was packed with training sessions and panel discussions on a range of topics including project management, R&D in the biotech industry, venture capital and scientific communication. The ESRs had a chance to pitch their projects to an amazing panel of specialists and obtain detailed feedback in a session organized by Ubik Media. Then, they attended training sessions on product development, marketing and project management. The programme also featured a remarkable keynote talk by Dr Francesc Borràs exploring the path towards the discovery and validation of EV-based biomarkers. Social activities included a gala dinner in 7 Portes, one of the famous historical restaurants in Barcelona. On our way to the restaurant, we also had the chance to explore the winding streets of Barcelona's oldest district in a guided tour organized by local consortium members. It was an amazing meeting and a warm farewell to those ESRs who are soon leaving proEVLifeCycle. We would like to thank the proEVLifeCycle's coordination team and the local organizing team for their efforts in preparing this wonderful gathering.





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Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a
wonderful New Year. May peace, love,
prosperity, and curiosity follow you always.



Sincerely Yours,
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