

The 2nd Transatlantic ECI GPCR symposium is a two-half-day virtual (Zoom) meeting happening on July 6 and 7, 2022, aimed at facilitating connections between early career investigators (ECIs) in Europe and North America who study GPCRs. Why are we hosting a virtual meeting in 2022? We believe that one of the major barriers for early career investigators to attend meetings is the costs involved, and we hope that meetings that are free of charge will enable better exposure and networking for those who may otherwise not be able to share their work.

Organized by Paula Morales (Instituto de Quimica Médica, CSIC), John Janetzko (Stanford University), Magdalena M. Scharf (Karolinska Institutet), and Cory P. Johnson (University of Maine), this meeting will feature the following: 2 keynote lectures from young up-and-coming researchers David Olson (UC Davis) and Miriam Stoeber (University of Geneva), 15 talks by early career investigators (selected from submitted abstracts), and 2 interactive poster sessions on a range of research topics that involve GPCRs. From structural biology and computational drug discovery to neuroscience and physiology, we aim to highlight exciting work being done by several ECIs in Europe and North America.

In addition to these scientific sessions, this meeting will offer a forum for ECIs to interact with several established GPCR researchers from around the world. Through our career development panel, we aim to answer trainee questions and discuss opportunities for GPCR research today and into the future. On one day, informal "lunch" discussion sessions will allow for trainees to talk with senior GPCR investigators, while on the second day we will provide opportunities for trainees to speak with new PIs and junior group leaders.

Thanks to Fourwaves for providing the platform for the symposium and access to their virtual poster booths.

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