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Eurodoc Annual Conference 2019

## Employability of PhDs: Valorise Your Skills and Reach Your Full Potential!

1 & 2 April 2019

Palais des Académies - Brussels

Registration is free but mandatory

# PROGRAM

BRUSSELS | 1 & 2 APRIL 2019

An event organized with the support of:





**Conference Day 1: Monday 01 April 2019**

Morning sessions

**09.00 – 09.45** Registration with Coffee/Tea  
(Marble room)

**09.45 – 10.00** Opening and Welcome  
(Auditorium Albert II)

**10.00 – 12.00 #1: PhD as a Driving Force for Sustainable Innovation**

(Auditorium Albert II)

10.00 – 10.20 > Fabienne Gautier

“The Role of Researchers in Modernised and Sustainable  
Innovation Ecosystems.”

10.20 – 10.40 > Joao Fernandes

“From HNSciCloud to OCRE: Cloud Credits for Research.”

10.40 – 11.00 > Dr. Isabelle Halleux

“From PhD to Sustainable Innovations; Intersectoral Mobility as  
Career Booster.”

11.00 – 11.20 > Charlotte Teresa Weber

“Open Access Skills for Career Development: What, Why,  
Where and How?”

11.20 – 12.00 > Panel discussion

**12.00 – 13.00** Lunch with Snacks/Drinks  
(Marble room)



**Conference Day 1: Monday 01 April 2019**

Afternoon sessions

**13.00 – 15.00 #2: Inspirational round table discussions**

(Patio)

1. The Non-academic Labour Market Needs You! Valorise Your Phd through Transferable Skills.  
(Dr. Laurence Theunis, Focus research and Lucia Salto, University of Turin)
2. Resaver: Securing Your Pension, a Multi-Employer Occupational Pension Solution for Research Organisations in Europe.  
(Slaven Misljencevic, EC)
3. Mental Health and Career Development, a Close Relation and Key for Preventive Actions.  
(Ana-Maria Peneoasu, EUA-CDE)
4. Platforms to Boost Interuniversity and Intersectoral Initiatives, the Path to Sustainable Innovation.  
(Marie Montaldo (EUF - PhD Hub) and Mathias Schroijen (Focus Research))
5. A Guide for the Doctorate and Postdoc.  
(Marie-Ange Angladon, U Namur)
6. Open Data and the Helix-Nebula Science Cloud (HNSciCloud).  
(Joao Fernandes, CERN)
7. A Post-academic Career: What's Holding You Back to Look Beyond The University Walls?"  
(Dr. Nel Grillaert - U Antwerpen)
8. Hitchhiker's Guide to Interdisciplinary Research.  
(Loren Pauwels, VUB)

9. Find Your Doctor - How Can We Make Phd Holders More - and Better - Valued on the Non-academic Market?  
(Dr. Eva Ratti, Find your Doctor)
10. Scientist and Entrepreneur; Opposing Visions?  
(Dr. Jonathan Marescaux, E-Biom)
11. The Power of Alumni Networks for Your Professional Development. (Martine Torfs - KU Leuven, Dr. Bibiane Freche - ULB and Dr. Michel Herquet - B12 consulting)
12. "Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity in Research as Key to a Closer Connexion between Research and Society?"  
(Marjan Van de maele, FGF - Hera)
13. Open Science - Why Should You Get Involved?  
(Charlotte Teresa Weber, Eurodoc and Dr. Michael Matlosz, EuroScience).

**15.00 – 15.30** Break with Coffee/Tea

(Marble room)

**15.30 – 17.30 #3: Activating Career Development and Support**

(Auditorium Albert II)

15.30 – 15.50 > Dr. Alexander Hasgall

"Doing a Doctorate in Collaboration with Non-academic Partners."

15.50 – 16.10 > Dr. Lucas Zinner

"Can Professionals Contribute to Career Development?"

16.10 – 16.30 > Valentine Fays

"Supporting Your Professional Success as Academic: The Development of a Phd House at U Mons."

16.30 – 16.50 > Laura Buzinska

"Sharing & Caring: How to Bring Together Phd Students?"

16.50 – 17.30 > Panel discussion

**17.30 – 18.00** Reception - Networking  
(Marble room)

**19.00 – 21.00** Optional: Fuckup Night - Stories About Failure  
(Marble room)





**What?**

A global movement where people share stories of professional failure. During this edition no professors will tell you about their fuck-ups, but brave fellow PhD candidates and doctorate holders now working outside academia. They will tell their story in 7 minutes using 10 images. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from their mistakes as well.

**Why?**

To create a culture shift around failure and enable a mindset of well-being and innovation

**When?**

Monday April, 1st 2019 at 7 PM

**Where?**

Palais des Académies - rue Ducale 1, 1000 Bruxelles (Galerie de Marbre)

**Whom?**

Open to all but priority is given to conference attendees if we receive more reservations than there are places.

**Some more background**

Born in Mexico City in 2012, the movement has expanded to 250+ cities in 77 countries. More than 200.000 people attended FuckUp Nights in 2016. Watch some videos from earlier nights to feel the vibe: <https://fuckupnights.com/project/videos/>

## Conference day 2: Tuesday 2 April 2019

### Morning sessions

**09.00 – 10.00** Infomarket with Breakfast + Coffee/Tea  
(Patio)

**10.00 – 12.00 #4: Valorising a PhD for Industry and Society**

(Auditorium Albert II)

10.00 – 10.20 > Dr. Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch

“How Your Phd Provides Value - for Yourself, and Society.”

10.20 – 10.40 > Dr. Matthew DiFranco

“Avoiding the Academia Trap: How to Understand the Choices  
You Make for Your Career.”

10.40 – 11.00 > Dr. Ilse Van Damme

“The (Added) Value of a Phd? Competences!”

11.00 – 11.20 > Ewelina Pabjańczyk-Wlazło and Agnieszka Żyra

“Academic Entrepreneurship and Intersectoral Mobility - New  
and Flexible Learning Paths.”

11.20 – 12.00 > Panel discussion

**12.00 – 13.00** Lunch (Patio)

**Conference day 2: Tuesday 2 April 2019**

**Afternoon sessions**

**13.00 - 15.00** Graduate SPIRIT event - #MeTooAcademia: The Learning Curve  
(Auditorium Albert II)

**15.00 - 15.30** Break with Coffee/Tea  
(Patio)

**15.30 – 17.30 #5: Entrepreneurship for Leaders and Start-Ups**

(Auditorium Albert II)

15.30 – 15.50 > Dr. David Oliva Uribe

“The EIT Digital Research Innovator: an Industrial Doctorate  
Approach to Shape Leaders of the Digital Transformation.”

15.50 – 16.10 > Tine Van Lommel

“Lcie, Student-Entrepreneurship @ KU Leuven”

16.10 – 16.30 > Dr. Stephen Andersen

“Strategic Water: Translating Academic Frustration into Market  
Opportunity.”

16.30 – 16.50 > Dr. Auréa Cophignon

“Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation - How to Boost  
Your Career.”

16.50 – 17.30 > Panel discussion

**17.30 – 18.00** Feedback + Closing  
(Auditorium Albert II)

**18.00 – 19.00** Drinks/reception  
(Patio)





#Metoo in Academia

**SPIRIT has invited The Actor Society (Het Acteursgenootschap) to re-enact cases of harassment in academia, all based on real life experiences at universities. After the play, different academic stakeholders and the audience will discuss what you can do if you find yourself, your colleagues or members of your team in such situations.**

Harassment in academia is of all times, but it has been made urgent by the #MeToo and Time's Up movement. Many of us think academia will provide a safe, sensible and intellectual environment in which #metoo behaviour is absent. Fortunately, it often is but evidently it sometimes isn't. Through the play, the SPIRIT partners seek to create awareness of harassment in academia – which tends to impact young researchers or support staff in particular – while also exploring individual and institutional ways to address these issues and create a safe working environment.

### **About The Actor Society**

Het Acteursgenootschap is a theatre company that creates theatre for science. It is well known for its play on integrity in science (the ConScience App). It has performed #MeToo scenes for the Dutch Association of Female Professors, and produces customised plays. The Learning Curve has been made at the special request of the dean of the Erasmus Graduate School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Professor Liesbet van Zoonen.

### **Programme**

- Welcome by Professor Liesbet van Zoonen, coordinator SPIRIT
- Theatre play
- Panel/audience dialogue

### **About the play**

The Learning Curve is a 30-minute theatre play about sexual intimidation and abuse of power in the university context. It's both humorous and bleak, and is written to be followed by a discussion led by a moderator.

Developed from scenarios originally performed as #MeTooAcademia for the Dutch Network of Women Professors, it has been specially commissioned in an expanded

version by the Erasmus Graduate School of Social Sciences and the Humanities (EGSH).

The play is fictitious but is based on interviews recently published in Science Guide, as well as confidential interviews conducted in the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR).

**The story** Suzanne De Jong is a talented second-year graduate student. When her promotor returns from sabbatical she's delighted. The internationally renowned Professor Loek Dekker is amusing, approachable and inspirational. But during a conference in Berlin Suzanne encounters a darker side of the famous academic. And when the great man doesn't get his way the consequences for her become catastrophic. Where can she turn for help?

# SPEAKERS

Fabienne Gautier | European Commission.

Joao Fernandes | CERN.

Isabelle Halleux | University of Liège.

Charlotte Teresa Weber | Eurodoc.

Alexander Hasgall | EUA-CDE.

Lucas Zinner | PRIDE network.

Valentine Fays | University of Mons.

Laura Buzinska | Association of Latvian Young Scientists.

Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch | Science Europe.

Matthew DiFranco | Marie Curie Alumni Association.

Ilse van Damme | University of Hasselt.

Ewelina Pabjańczyk-Wlazło | The Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates.

Agnieszka Żyra | The Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates.

David Oliva Uribe | EIT Digital.

Tine Van Lommel | Leuven Community of innovation driven Entrepreneurship.

Stephen Andersen | Strategic Water.

Auréa Cophignon | University of Nice Sofia Antipolis & Eurodoc.





Fabienne Gautier

Head of Open Innovation Ecosystems | **European Commission**

MORNING SESSION | DAY 1 | 10:00

THE ROLE OF RESEARCHERS IN MODERNISED AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS.

### About Fabienne Gautier

Fabienne Gautier was nominated Head of Unit of Innovation Ecosystems in the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, in 2018. Prior to that she had been the Head of Unit of Open Science and ERA policy since 2014 and the Deputy Head since 2011. From 2008 to 2011 she was Deputy Head of the Administration and Finance Unit of the Directorate in charge of Science, Economy and Society. From 2006 to 2008 she worked as a Policy and Legal Officer in charge of the implementation of Article 185 of the Treaty for the 7th Framework Programme in the Directorate in charge of the Coordination of National Research Programmes. From 2003 to 2006 she was a project officer responsible for several ERA-NET projects for the 7th Framework Programme and contributed to the definition of the legal framework of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus activities. From 1995 to 2003, she worked as legal officer in the Legal Unit of the Directorate General for Research and contributed to the drafting of the regulatory decisions and contracts related to the Framework Programmes. She has a Master's degree in Law (France), a certificate in European Law from the European Institute in Saarbrücken (Germany) and Advanced Master in Law of Information and Communication Technologies from the University of Namur (Belgium).

Joao Fernandes

Project leader | **CERN**

MORNING SESSION | DAY 1 | 10:20

FROM HNSCICLOUD TO OCRE: CLOUD CREDITS FOR RESEARCH

### About Joao Fernandes

João Fernandes is the project leader of the ARCHIVER (Archiving and Preservation for Research Environments) Horizon 2020 PCP project and the CERN lead in OCRE (Open Clouds for Research Environments project) H202 project. Both projects are stimulating commercial cloud providers are being considered by the European research community as part of a hybrid cloud model to support the needs of their scientific programmes in the context of the EOSC (European Open Science Cloud). In 2016, João was also the technical coordinator of HNSciCloud Horizon 2020 PCP project (<http://www.hnscicloud.eu/>), pioneering the procurement of innovative cloud services to establish a hybrid cloud platform across the European research community. Prior to that time, João was leading the global real-time collaboration initiatives at CERN, a role which he held since 2007, fostering and accelerating several partnerships with the unified communications industry. Before joining CERN, João was staff at the California Institute of Technology, having responsibilities in distributed computing activities at a very large scale providing a hub for massive real-time collaboration within the global Large Hadron Collider (LHC) research community. Before Caltech and after graduating in Electrical and Computing Engineering, João was a research engineer at Porto University, working on development of multi-agent distributed systems with a brief passage in industry at Efacec Automation (<http://www.efacec.pt/en/automation/>) developing frameworks for remote system diagnostics.

Dr. Ir. Isabelle Halleux

Director of the R&D Administration | **ULiège**

MORNING SESSION | DAY 1 | 10:40

FROM PHD TO SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS; INTERSECTORAL MOBILITY AS A CAREER BOOSTER.

### About Isabelle Halleux

After a career in research in a Belgian governmental institute, Isabelle went back to the academic world as member of the administrative staff. She developed professional services for researchers at ULiege, with a special attention paid to young researchers' career development. She is expert for the European Charter and Code implementation process which aims to improve researchers' working conditions.

Charlotte Teresa Weber

Arctic University of Norway and Skills Officer | Eurodoc

MORNING SESSION | DAY 1 | 11:00

OPEN ACCESS SKILLS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT: WHAT? WHY? WHERE AND HOW?

### About Charlotte Teresa Weber

Charlotte has studied at four different universities across Europe, and has a multi-disciplinary background in biology, marine conservation, and resource management. She currently works as a researcher at the University of Tromsø in Norway. Charlotte has been active in Eurodoc for the past two years, both within the working group on doctoral training and as a skills officer..

Dr. Alexander Hasgall

Head of Council of Doctoral Education | **European University Association (EUA-CDE)**

**AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 1 | 15:30**

**DOING A DOCTORATE IN COLLABORATION WITH NON-ACADEMIC PARTNERS**

### **About Alexander Hasgall**

Dr. Alexander Hasgall heads the EUA Council for Doctoral Education and is responsible for a network of more than 250 European Universities from 36 countries, dedicated to the further development and strengthening of doctoral education and research training in Europe. Alexander studied philosophy and history at the University of Zurich and the Free University of Berlin. He received his Doctorate in History at the University of Zurich on the history and discourse of transitional justice in Argentina. Outside of the higher education sector, Alexander acquired different experiences in the NGO-Sector, market research and as a freelance journalist.

Dr. Lucas Zinner

President | **Association for Professionals in Doctoral Education (PRIDE network)**

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 1 | 15:50

CAN PROFESSIONALS CONTRIBUTE TO CAREER DEVELOPMENT ?

### About Lucas Zinner

Since more than 20 years Lucas is working in research or research related institutions. After conducting research in Mathematics and after working in the Austrian Science Foundation (FWF) for two years he returned to the University of Vienna in 2004 where he contributed to the establishment of a central unit in charge of Research Services and Technology Transfer. Since 2007 he has been also focusing on the reform of doctoral education and has been involved in the re-organization process in Europe and at the University of Vienna. In particular, he was in charge of setting up the university-wide Centre for Doctoral Studies. As coordinator of the EU funded LLP Project PRIDE he was dealing with the professionalization of staff supporting doctoral education at higher education institutions. Lucas is actively participating at working groups and conferences at European level and has been invited speaker, e.g. at the University Business Forum 2013 in Brussels or the 2013 Meeting of the Council of Deans and Directors of Graduate Research (DDOGS), Universities Australia, at EUA-CDE in 2015 or PraxisUnico in 2016. He is recognized as expert in doctoral education and was delegated by the Austrian Ministry to the ERA Working Group on Innovative Doctoral Training of the European Commission and just became member of the EUA-CDE Thematic Peer Group "Career Development and Tracking in Doctoral Education". To combine theory and practice, he also facilitates workshops for PhD supervisors. In 2017, he founded the PRIDE Network Association for Professionals in Doctoral Education and is currently acting as chair of the Board.

Valentine Fays

PhD candidate | **UMons**

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 1 | 16:10

SUPPORTING YOUR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS AS ACADEMIC : THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF A PHD HOUSE AT UMONS.

### About Valentine Fays

Valentine Fays is a 2nd year PhD candidate in a joint PhD program between UMons and ULB. She is doing her research in labour economics and studies mostly wage discrimination against migrants. She is also a member of the PhD House Board at UMons.

Laura Buzinska

Communication & Events Officer | **Association of Latvian Young Scientists (ALYS)**

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 1 | 16:30

SHARING & CARING : HOW TO BRING TOGETHER PHD STUDENT ?

### About Laura Buzinska

MA Laura Buzinska has received her BA degree in the University of Latvia and MA degree in science of education in the program "Educational Treatment of Diversity". She has studied in Madrid at UNED during an Erasmus exchange. She has deepened her knowledge in Budapest (ELTE) in the program Intercultural Psychology and Education, and in the BIO BIO University (Chile). She has started her PhD in social pedagogy. Laura has been active in different civic organizations and is Latvian NA delegate for Eurodoc.. In ALYS she is responsible for organizing events, networking and communication. Fields of interest include intercultural communication, sense of belonging, migrant children education, migration, diversity and inclusion, active citizenship.



Dr. Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch

Head of Research Affairs | **Science Europe**

**MORNING SESSION | DAY 2 | 10:00**

**HOW YOUR PHD PROVIDES VALUE, FOR YOURSELF AND SOCIETY.**

### **About Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch**

Dr Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch leads the Research Affairs at Science Europe, an umbrella organisation representing 36 Research Funding Organisations and Research Performing Organisations from 27 countries. She gives scientific advice on research policy topics and EU legislative and regulatory developments with impact to research. Dr Wolff Boenisch gained substantial insight in science management and policy as overall co-ordinator of an ESFRI research infrastructure initiative in the polar and marine research domain. Previously, she was project manager of several international scientific and technologically-oriented consortia setting up and developing decision making structures and multi-national collaborations. She serves as a mentor in the mentoring programme of the Max Planck Society. At the start of her academic career Dr Wolff-Boenisch conducted scientific research in the fields of cosmo- and geochemistry at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Germany, and later as a Marie Curie research fellow in the field of paleo-climate research at the CNRS in France.

Dr. Matthew DiFranco

Chair | **Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)**

**MORNING SESSION | DAY 2 | 10:20**

**AVOIDING THE ACADEMIA TRAP: HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE CHOICES YOU MAKE FOR YOUR CAREER.**

### **About Matthew DiFranco**

Matthew DiFranco is Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association. A native of New Jersey, he earned his PhD in Computer Science from University College Dublin and was awarded a Marie Individual Fellowship. His career includes stops in Philadelphia, London, Dublin, Innsbruck and Vienna, where he currently lives.

Dr. Ilse van Damme

Coordinator and Trainer | **Doctoral Schools at UHasselt**

**MORNING SESSION | DAY 2 | 10:40**

**THE (ADDED) VALUE OF A PHD ? COMPETENCES!.**

### **About Ilse van Damme**

Ilse Van Damme coordinates the Doctoral School of Behavioral Sciences & Humanities at Hasselt University, supporting junior researchers in their professional development. In addition, she is an internal trainer, running workshops in various transferable skills. She looks back on nine fascinating years of doing research at KU Leuven, obtaining a PhD in psychology and studying human memory.

Ewelina Pabjańczyk-Wlazło & Agnieszka Żyra

The Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates (KRD)

MORNING SESSION | DAY 2 | 11:00

ACADEMIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INTERSECTORAL MOBILITY – NEW FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHS.

### About Ewelina Pabjańczyk-Wlazło

PhD candidate at the Lodz University of Technology, dealing with fibrous biomaterials for regenerative medicine applications. Participant of several projects at national and international level, including EIT grants and scientific grants from the Polish National Science Centre. Completed scientific internships in Germany and Japan. Former president of Eurodoc and of the Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates (KRD). Currently a member of the Council of the National Agency of Academic Exchange in Poland and a member of the Young Scientists' Council at the Ministry of Higher Education and Science. Co-founder of a technology start-up awarded in Poland and in Europe offering textronic solutions. Involved in the process of amendment of the bill Law on higher education and science in Poland that is currently introduced.

### About Agnieszka Żyra

PhD candidate at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Cracow University of Technology. Plenipotentiary for international cooperation at the Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates (KRD), former KRD vice-president. Was responsible for raising funds for additional activities, cooperation with the external stakeholders, organization and coordination of congresses and open meetings of KRD and conferences. Was the coordinator of two KRD projects and international EURODOC workshops. Scientifically deals with unconventional methods of production, special EDM treatment.

Dr. David Oliva Uribe

Head of the Industrial Doctoral School | **EIT Digital**

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 2 | 15:30

THE EIT DIGITAL RESEARCH INNOVATOR: AN INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE APPROACH TO SHAPE LEADERS OF THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.

### About David Oliva Uribe

Dr David Oliva Uribe is the Head of the Industrial Doctoral School at EIT Digital. His work focuses on the development of an European wide Industrial Doctoral School to prepare young researchers with both excellent technical knowledge and the capability to transform technology into business. David is a Team-oriented leader with a successful career track and over 20 years of experience in Research and Project Management, Higher Education Policies, Academic Management and International Collaboration of Higher Education Institutions. He worked at the European University Association (EUA) as Head of the Council of Doctoral Education (CDE) where he coordinated a group of 230 European Universities in 30 countries and worked on policies in higher education, Research & Innovation, global trends in doctoral education, career development, capacity building and global research collaboration. In addition, he participated in the Expert Advisory Group of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of the European Commission. Before joining EUA, David was scientific researcher and academic coordinator at the Free University of Brussels (VUB) working on the development of intelligent surgical tools to improve the safety of brain tumor's operation with focus on the use of tactile sensor technologies. David worked in Germany as Research Manager of a research group specialised in piezoelectric transducers and mechatronics working on industry projects, as well as participating in the preparation and conduction of EU-funded projects in different university environments. David is IEEE Senior Member.

Tine Van Lommel

Coordinator | **Leuven Community of Innovation driven Entrepreneurship (LCIE) -  
KU Leuven**

**AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 2 | 15:50**

**LCIE, STUDENT-ENTREPRENEURSHIP @KU LEUVEN.**

### **About Tine Van Lommel**

Tine Van Lommel worked for 12 years in a university hospital as a biomedical engineer with specialization in electrophysiology. Since 2014 she is Innovation Manager at KU Leuven Research & Development, Spin-off & Innovation. She's the coordinator of Lcie (Leuven Community of innovation driven Entrepreneurship). Lcie wants to stimulate, encourage and support entrepreneurship among students, researchers and professors. Tine is also the founder and coordinator of Sports.Tech, a platform for innovation in sports. Co-creation, connecting the dots, looking for opportunities and defining new markets is her trademark. She believes in the power of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious and makes things happen.

Dr. Stephen Andersen

Co-Founder | **Strategic Water**

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 2 | 16 :10

STRATEGIC WATER: TRANSLATING ACADEMIC FRUSTRATION INTO MARKET OPPORTUNITY.

### About Stephen Andersen

Stephen co-founded Strategic Water in 2016 out of a frustration with the pace that academic discoveries and new water treatment technologies were entering the market. Stephen studied chemical engineering at the University of Queensland (Australia), and completed a PhD in Applied Biological Science in Ghent University (Belgium), at the Center for Microbial Ecology and Technology – a world renowned centre for cutting-edge water science and environmental engineering. Prior to his short seven year run in academia, he worked in pub kitchens, in pathology laboratories, and on an oil rig in Canada, but has found more direction and purpose in science-driven entrepreneurship.

Dr. Auréa Cophignon

General Board Member | Eurodoc

AFTERNOON SESSION | DAY 2 | 16 :30

RESEARCH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION - HOW TO BOOST YOUR CAREER.

### About Auréa Cophignon

President of a local association of Junior Researchers in France (AJC06) and general board member of Eurodoc. She is a post-doc in the field of Life Sciences, at the University of Cote d'Azur. Her project is to create a startup in partnership with industry and academia, to develop innovative solutions that reduce side effects of chemotherapy.



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## ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

- ULB – Université Libre de Bruxelles.
- ULiège – Université de Liège.
- UMons - Université de Mons.
- UNamur - Université de Namur.
- KU Leuven – Katholiek Universiteit Leuven.
- Universiteit Antwerpen.
- UGent – Universiteit Gent.
- UHasselt.
- VUB – Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Euraxess.
- Eurodoc – The European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers.
- Foundation for Future GGenerations.
- Graduate SPIRIT.
- Objectif Recherche asbl – Focus Research vzw.
- PhD Society Leuven.
- PhD Hub.

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- FRIS – Flanders Research and Innovation Space.
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Université Libre de Bruxelles

Four scientific Nobel Prizes, one Fields Medal, three Wolf Prizes and two Marie Curie Prizes are further evidence of the University's longstanding tradition of excellence. The Université libre de Bruxelles is an active member of the Research Area and is involved in almost 130 projects financed by the 7th European Framework Programmes. Over the past few years, it has obtained 7 starting Grants from the European Research Area (ERC) to finance research in Medicine, Economics, Mathematics, Sociology, or Political Science, as well as 2 Advanced Grant in Artificial Intelligence and Physics. In addition, the University's Institute for European Studies is recognized as a "Jean Monnet European research centre" for its work on European integration.

[www.ulb.ac.be](http://www.ulb.ac.be)



Université de Liège

The University of Liège dedicates more than half of its annual budget to high-level, internationally recognised research. It is very active, ranging from fundamental to applied. The human scale of the University facilitates interdisciplinary research and, more generally, productive contact between academics from different fields. The collaborations with industry are several, and the University has an active policy to encourage creation and guide the development of spin-offs. In research, the University of Liège offers numerous possibilities for: companies or organisations, both from the public and private sectors, that wish to develop collaborations or subcontract certain research tasks; second-cycle graduates who wish to be trained in research and to obtain a PhD; post-doctoral researchers who are looking to broaden the range of their activities as part of one of our renowned research teams; experienced researchers interested in an academic position combining teaching activities with conducting first-rate research activities. At ULiège, there are 3024 researchers implicated in 1,792 research agreements.

[www.uliege.be](http://www.uliege.be)



Research at UMONS relies on more than 800 researchers spread across more than one hundred departments. Our activities take place in 10 research institutes and are supported by the Department for Research Support and Technology Transfer (DAVRE). Each institute brings together the skills of experienced researchers, post-docs and PhD students from several Faculties of UMONS. They focus their efforts on unifying themes covering three major areas of current research, life sciences and health, science and technology and human and social sciences, thus meeting recognised societal needs and giving them increased visibility with international organisations and donors. The strength of the UMONS research institutes lies in the multidisciplinary nature of their teams and the flexibility of their organisation. Moreover, in close collaboration with its associated research centres, such as Materia Nova and Multitel, located in the Mons Initialis Science Park, UMONS is actively involved in the development of the region.

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Université de Namur

Recently updated, the UNamur research landscape harbours 11 transdisciplinary research institutes. Research activities lean on state-of-the-art scientific equipment grouped in 8 technology platforms. Researchers develop inter- and transdisciplinary projects implying fundamental as well as applied research. Their expertise covers numerous fields. NARCThe NARC (NAMur Research College) complements this landscape by following a double goal: to offer an optimal research environment for young researchers and to ensure the visibility of outstanding researchers inside and outside the UNamur. The Board of Directors, with the guidance of the Research Council, defines the UNamur research strategy. Excellence in research logoThe UNamur aims at excellence and maintains the appropriate balance between fundamental and applied research. Special attention is given to the training of Ph.D. students and to researchers' mobility, for they are the key links of the university network.

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Katholiek Universiteit Leuven

KU Leuven is a research intensive university, a setting for both fundamental and applied research, with a strong inter- and multidisciplinary background and a clear international orientation. We aim for research excellence, a contribution to societal and cultural debates and the realisation of a real knowledge society. Individual initiative, critical reflection, collaboration, solidarity, academic freedom and diversity are key concepts in realising these goals. To realise its manifold mission, KU Leuven can rely on a great source of 'capital': its talented and dedicated staff. Excluding University Hospitals Leuven (the network of KU Leuven university hospitals), as of 2017 KU Leuven employs 14.238 people, of which 1.769 tenured academic staff, 1.755 postdoctoral staff, 522 teaching staff and 4.145 administrative and logistic staff. The key areas of research at KU Leuven are: Human health ; Medical technologies ; Bio-sciences & environment ; Matter, materials & energy ; Nature unlimited ; Manufacturing & ICT ; Arts, religion & culture ; Economy, law & society ; Human behavior.

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Universiteit Antwerpen

The University of Antwerp, as a true research university, strives to excel in as many research areas as possible. This is why the University Board decided in 2010 to define nine frontline research domains (Drug discovery & development; Ecology & sustainable development; Harbour, transport & logistics; Imaging; Infectious diseases; Material characterisation; Neurosciences; Socio-economic policy & organisation; Urban history & contemporary urban policy) and three emerging frontline research domains (Multi-level governance, globalisation & federalism; Oncology; Proteomics, genomics & metabolomics) in which the University of Antwerp is recognized world leader. Key to the Board's eventual selection was long-term research excellence. As a result, the 12 selected domains are all areas in which the University of Antwerp has a strong tradition of producing cutting-edge research that is considered internationally excellent, in terms of quality, output as well as relevance. At the same time, the University pursues an active policy aimed at stimulating the economic and social valorisation of the research results generated by its (emerging) frontline research domains.

[www.uantwerpen.be](http://www.uantwerpen.be)





Universiteit Gent

Research is the motor of Ghent University. Boundaries are pushed. Researchers make discoveries. These discoveries impact people worldwide, give new impulses to teaching, and provide a foundation for a knowledge society. Over the course of its 200 year history Ghent University has built up a strong scientific reputation. Ghent University invests both in fundamental, high risk science as in applied research. The university is known for its scientific expertise in life sciences and medicine, materials and agricultural science, veterinary medicine, psychology and history, and many more. This university does not just offer a place to singular research strengths but also encourages multidisciplinary collaboration. Our top research is built on a solid base: as a result of a bottom-up research policy young researchers are given every opportunity to grow. A deeply rooted quality culture guarantees continuous rejuvenation of research. Thanks to the excellent performance of its entire research community, for the last ten years Ghent University has been part of the Shanghai Ranking's top 100 - a worldwide ranking primarily based on research indicators. At UGent, there are 4,845 PhD students and 1,235 postdocs.

[www.ugent.be](http://www.ugent.be)



Universiteit Hasselt

Solid academic research is the foundation of good academic education and is an important link in the innovation chain. Hasselt University has chosen to concentrate a large proportion of its research resources in a number of research institutes. The institutes aim to cover the entire research spectrum, from fundamental research via strategic basic research to the building of concrete applications. Innovative research and the valorisation of it are therefore important components of the university's research policy. In order to respond to social and economic challenges, the university chooses to focus research on a number of priority areas. These priority areas are chosen from opportunities that present themselves at regional, national and international level. Through this organisation of research in well-chosen spearhead fields, the university can achieve the scale required to participate successfully in inter-university and international networks. Optimising Hasselt University's position within the innovation web is therefore high on the agenda. Students and (young) researchers at Hasselt University become acquainted with the latest scientific developments in their field of study, in an environment where entrepreneurship is held in high regard. The Research Coordination Office and Tech Transfer Office are together responsible for of professional and dynamic support for all research activities.

[www.uhasselt.be](http://www.uhasselt.be)



At the VUB, we want to focus on research that is both excellent and has a broad societal relevance. There are many societal challenges faced by Belgium, Europe and the rest of the world. Universities can play a significant role in searching for solutions, helping make policy decisions,... Much of this research requires an interdisciplinary approach. The great challenge here is not only bringing experts from different disciplines together, but also understanding one another's language. Our presence in Brussels city gives us a unique opportunity to use Brussels as a living lab for challenges that have an urban context. Furthermore, much research requires a technological approach. We will therefore attempt to make an inventory of existing infrastructure, and where possible group this infrastructure into core facilities available to a large group of researchers. In this way, we will optimise the use of this infrastructure. The Vrije Universiteit Brussel is a university that aims to make an active contribution to a better society through research freedom, critical thinking, and an international orientation. In terms of research, the VUB aims to deliver high quality research that is both locally grounded and has strong international recognition. In the coming years, the VUB aims to work on building an optimal and future-proof research environment within a broader open research data and open science policy, with attention to pioneering research, core facilities, and research management support. The goals of this research policy are focused on guaranteeing a healthy research culture and a human resources policy that recognises the value of personnel.

[www.vub.ac.be](http://www.vub.ac.be)



Euraxess

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union, member states and associated countries, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world. EURAXESS is also your gateway to Science4Refugees, a Commission's initiative helping refugee researchers find suitable jobs in today's challenging research landscape. Part of the initiative, is the Science4Refugees Research Buddies, supporting refugee scientists in finding European researchers to discuss problems, find solutions and study together, by matching their research field, scientific studies and interests.

[www.euraxess.ec.europa.eu](http://www.euraxess.ec.europa.eu)



The European Council of Doctoral  
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Eurodoc

Eurodoc is the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers. It is an international federation of 29 national organisations of PhD candidates, and more generally of young researchers from 28 countries of the European Union and the Council of Europe. Eurodoc's objectives are: To represent doctoral candidates and junior researchers at the European level in matters of education, research, and professional development of their careers. To advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe. To promote the circulation of information on issues regarding young researchers; organize events, take part in debates and assist in the elaboration of policies about Higher Education and Research in Europe. To establish and promote co-operation between national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers within Europe. Eurodoc was founded in Girona (Spain) on 02/02/02. Since 2005, Eurodoc has its seat in Brussels, Belgium..

[www.eurodoc.net](http://www.eurodoc.net)



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The Foundation for Future Generations, founded in 1998, is the only Belgian foundation exclusively dedicated to the transition towards a sustainable development mode, one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century. The Foundation is convinced that it is possible to pass on a liveable world to our children, but only if we systematically act and think 360°-wise, taking into account simultaneously 4 dimensions : people, planet, prosperity and participation. Therefore, the Foundation prepares tomorrow's minds to think and act 360°-wise by valorizing research and graduation theses that incorporate this approach. The Foundation also inspires today's society to act 360°-wise by valorizing the promoters of initiatives that embody this vision in daily life.

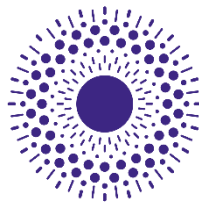
[www.foundationfuturegenerations.org](http://www.foundationfuturegenerations.org)



Graduate Spirit

Graduate SPIRIT (School Program for International Researchers and Interdisciplinary Training) is an EU Erasmus+ funded project. The participating partners are nine European graduate schools with a similar profile. The project will provide an inventory of best practices in graduate schools with respect to PhD candidates, staff, curriculum and organisation. In addition, the project will test a number of innovations regarding international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral doctoral training. Our final goal is to create a 'menu' from which graduate schools can select and implement elements according to their needs.

[www.gradspirit.eu](http://www.gradspirit.eu)



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Objectif Recherche asbl – Focus Research vzw

Objectif Recherche asbl – Focus Research vzw was founded in 1987 and is located in Brussels. We provide PhD Students, PhDs and Postdoc with professional career development support in Belgium. Our services include individual coaching, transversal skills development trainings, networking events, thematic workshops as well as information and peer-to-peer mentoring around PhD career pathways in and outside academia. We work in close collaboration with universities (ULB, UNamur, UMon, UCLouvain and ULiège), European organizations (Eurodoc, PRIDE network, Graduate Spirit) and counterparts (Adoc Talent Management, Vitae, ABG, PhD Talent, etc.) in order to improve the doctoral experience but also to promote the PhD degree as a career booster outside academia. Objectif Recherche asbl – Focus Research vzw is involved in many different projects which are funded by the Wallonia Region, Innoviris and the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

[www.focus-research.be](http://www.focus-research.be)





The PhD Society is an association of and for PhD students and Postdocs at KU Leuven and beyond. It is dedicated to help young researchers to extend their personal, international network in Leuven beyond their circle of friends and the borders of their respective research unit. More important, the PhD Society Leuven provides various opportunities to these young academics to further develop their professional and social skills in a dynamic, international environment complementary to their academic endeavors. These goals are met by organizing social, academic and career-related events, by researchers for their fellow colleagues. These are the 3 pillars – the heart – of the PhD Society.

[www.phdsociety.be](http://www.phdsociety.be)



PhD Hub

The PhD Hub is the single online resource for business-driven research. It connects PhD students, universities and businesses at local and European level. The PhD Hub is an EU-funded project under Erasmus+ Key Action 2 - Knowledge Alliance. Local hubs are structuring strategic cooperation between academia, industry and their research activities. Their members (industry, PhD students, researchers) can access international cooperation opportunities offered by the online portal. Members of local PhD Hubs share information both at local and European level. It increases cooperation opportunities and enhances transferability of research results to the wider society (also referred to as industry). Connecting PhD students with businesses across research fields both a local and European level opens new research opportunities and tears down silos among research actors. Enhancing the innovation potential of research makes it also more attractive to prospective students.

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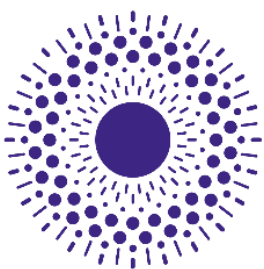
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