

## YE NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

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Dear Young EPIZONE member,

The next Young EPIZONE meeting will take place in **Vienna (Austria)** during the 12th Annual Meeting of EPIZONE and the 11th International Congress for Veterinary Virology (ESVV), hosted by the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna. This year, two YE sessions will be organized on the second conference day: **Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about **the final program** of the YE meeting. We will also introduce to you the **speakers** who will present their view on professional and personal challenges during **research project management**.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Vienna!

Best regards,  
the YE core group



- Aims to integrate young scientists into the network of EPIZONE ERG
- Provides a platform for young scientists working on epizootic diseases, where they are able to meet and discuss with peers from all over the world
- Organizes workshops and panel discussions with senior scientists

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## FINAL PROGRAM

TUESDAY AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>

Lecture hall “ Hörsaal” M

### YE SESSION 1 (10:30-12:00)

10:30-10:40 **Welcome**

10:40-11:15 **Lecture** "Challenges in Veterinary Virology - project management successes and failures" - *Till Rümenapf*

11:15-12:00 **Lecture** “ Research project management” - *Rainer Svacinka*

### YE SESSION 2 (13:30-15:00)

13:30-14:00 **Short Ice-breaking game**

14:00-14:50 **Workshop** “Research project management” - *Rainer Svacinka*

14:50-15:00 **Round-table discussion** - Take home messages

## SPEAKERS

### TILL RÜMENAPF

Till Rümenapf graduated as a veterinarian in 1986 (Hannover) and did his doctorate at the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (FLI) (Tübingen, Germany). He was a postdoc at the California Institute of Technology (USA) from 1990-1993. From 1999 to 2012, he was professor in clinical virology at the faculty of veterinary medicine of the Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, Germany. Since 2012 he is director of the institute of virology at the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna. He is interested in elucidating mechanisms of infection, replication, virus morphogenesis and the evasion of immunological barriers with a focus on plus stranded RNA viruses. Focus is on pestiviruses (CSFV), arteriviruses (PRRSV) and picorna - like pathogens of honey bees.



### RAINER SVACINKA



Rainer Svacinka is an IPMA certified Project Manager (cPM) who holds a MSc degree in Food- and Biotechnology. Working for 12 years in Research Project Management and Consulting, his expertise lays in international research and educational project development, project coordination during the project implementation and project management trainings. His focus was on projects funded by the EC 6th and 7th Framework Programme in the area of KBBE, HEALTH and ICT.

Working for a consulting company, Rainer Svacinka supported several EU projects by either direct participation or as external project management support for projects. Since 2013 he supports Universities, research organisations, SMEs and Industry in developing their research agenda and aligning it with H2020, Erasmus+ program and national funding schemes. Rainer is currently managing educational projects for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU) and University Teramo in Italy.

Since beginning of 2018 he is CEO of the sumo Technology GmbH which provides digital solutions and training tools. Rainer is an IPMA Coach and Mentor as well as lecturer at the FH Campus Wien, University of applied sciences.

## YE CORE GROUP

### **CHRISTINA MARIE LAZOV** - *DTU Vet, Denmark*

Hello, my name is Christina Marie Lazov, and I am now in the beginning of my second year of my PhD at the Danish National Veterinary Institute. My project is about coronavirus – mainly in pigs, but now also a bit about bat coronavirus. My first year was interrupted with a maternity leave, so in a way, I experienced beginning a PhD study twice. So as an idea, I suggest that a future Young EPIZONE theme could be “Women In Science”/“Equality in Science”. This is my first year in the Young EPIZONE core-group, and I look forward to meeting all the other young scientists at the short (but interesting!) Young EPIZONE sessions.



### **CINDY KUNDLACZ** - *ANSES, France*



Hello everyone, my name is Cindy Kundlacz and I am currently in the final year of my PhD in the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) in Maisons-Alfort (France). I work on the Bluetongue virus (BTV) and more specifically on the interactions between viral proteins and cellular proteins in the mammalian and vector host using a high-throughput yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) approaches. I also study the effect of BTV on different signaling pathways. This is my third year as a member of the Young EPIZONE core group. I have enjoyed being a part of Young EPIZONE and I hope that you will have a great time at this year's meeting in Vienna.

### **CHRISTINA RIES** - *FLI, Germany*

My name is Christina Ries and I am in the first year of my PhD at the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI) in Germany. I am working on Bluetongue virus (BTV) focusing on improving molecular diagnostic tools for a quick serotype identification as well as serological studies about antibody detection after vaccination. My project also includes genetic characterization and pathogenesis studies of atypical BTV strains. It is my first year as a member of the Young EPIZONE core group and I am looking forward to this great opportunity of meeting other young scientists from all around the world.



**RODOLPHE MICHIELS** - *Sciensano, Belgium*

Hello everyone, my name is Rodolphe Michiels and I have been doing my PhD at the Belgian institute for health (Sciensano) since september 2015. My project focuses on small ruminant lentiviruses (SRLVs) including Maedi-Visna and CAEV. My goal is to provide data on the prevalence of the viruses in Belgium, improve diagnostic methods, analyze genetic variation and cross-species transmission of SRLVs. Last year in Paris, I attended my second Young EPIZONE meeting as a core member. This august in Vienna will be another great opportunity to meet young scientists with great projects. See you there!

**SASKIA BERGERVOET** - *WBVR, The Netherlands*

Hi everyone, my name is Saskia Bergervoet. As a final year PhD student at Wageningen Bioveterinary Research (WBVR) in Lelystad, the Netherlands, I focus on the identification of genetic factors involved in the transmission of Avian Influenza (AI) virus infections from wild birds to poultry. My research project involves analysing whole genome sequences of viruses isolated from wild and domestic birds as part of a large-scale influenza surveillance program. In addition, I perform experimental studies *in vivo* and cell models to identify viral factors that determine host

range restriction. This meeting will be the last Young EPIZONE meeting I helped organizing. I really enjoyed the previous meetings of Young EPIZONE, especially because of the opportunity to meet other young scientists working on animal diseases.

**YOU?**

We are looking for enthusiastic young scientists to join the Young EPIZONE core group!

Please let us know if you are interested by sending an email to:

[youngepizone@outlook.com](mailto:youngepizone@outlook.com).

## SHORT TERM MISSIONS

The EPIZONE short term mission programme offers a great opportunity to learn more about the work carried out by EPIZONE partner institutes. The overall objective of the EPIZONE short term mission programme is to stimulate exchange of knowledge and cooperation between EPIZONE partner institutes through visits of individual EPIZONE members. The short term mission programme primarily focusses on young scientists but also other scientists and technicians are eligible.

Applications for short term missions should be submitted at least three months prior to the first date of the visit. A short term mission is eligible up to 3 months and the visit must be relevant to the EPIZONE objectives. Short term missions are in principle for EPIZONE members visiting another EPIZONE partner institute. However, scientific or strategic missions outside this rule could be considered provided that the added value for EPIZONE is clearly identified.

For detailed information and application form, see [here](#) .

## BECOME A MEMBER

Join us by sending an email to [youngepizone@outlook.com](mailto:youngepizone@outlook.com).

Please add your name, institute, position and contact details.

Young scientists of non-EPIZONE member institutes can also become a member of Young EPIZONE and attend the annual meetings. However, only young scientists from EPIZONE member institutes receive a discount on the EPIZONE meeting registration fee.

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