

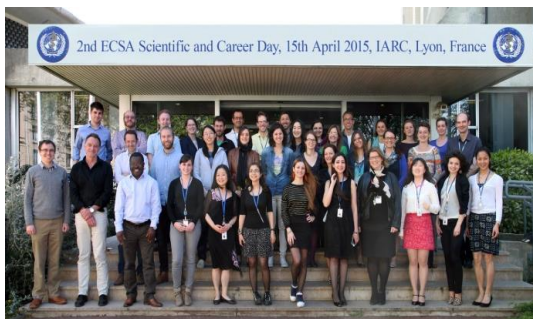


ECSCA is back and is here for you also in the new year 2016! We hope you had great vacation and you are now full of energy to enjoy activities that ECSCA will organize for you in upcoming months.

As always, we are always happy to hear from you or see you at our meetings and social events. If you have any feedback, questions or ideas, feel free to contact us on: ecsa@iarc.fr

ECSCA scientific and career day

Early Career Scientists Association (ECSCA) Organizing Committee are delighted to invite you to attend the third ECSCA Scientific and Career Day on **3rd May 2016**.



What is ECSCA day?

A day dedicated to Early Career Researchers at IARC, with the opportunity to share your research and take part in interactive seminar sessions focusing on important issues for early career scientists. In addition, you will get to spend the day knowing your fellow ECSCA members better.

Deadline for abstract submission: **1st April 2016**

The day will include:

- Oral and poster presentations: Share your research (published or unpublished), study ideas or topics that will generate discussion and interest from others. Oral presentations will be in a rapid fire format. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral and poster presentations.
- Interactive workshop on management styles
- Career advice: You will have the chance to hear from 4-5 senior scientists representing public health and cancer research, science communication, research funding and academia in a career panel session.
- Networking: A cocktail reception with other ECSCA members and our invited visitors will take place at the end of the day so you can talk to your peers, other scientists and find out who has been awarded the 2016 ECSCA Day prizes.

Want to get involved in the organization of ECSCA day?

We are looking for ECSCA Day volunteers with the preparations for the day, e.g. Organizing, photography, catering, registration, judging criteria and panels, or even designing an interactive app! Join us at the next ECSCA OC Meeting on 3rd February (9:30-10:30 in room 101) or email us to express your interest or to ask questions you may have: ecsa@iarc.fr

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

Welcome to IARC

New arrivals in January 2016



Alexis Robitaille



MCA/MMB

Sahar Yammine



NME/NEP

Marta Pittavino



NME/NEP





Sabine Naudin



NME/NEP

Aida Ferreira



GEN/GEP

Juan Munoz



INF/ICB

Maria Ceraolo



INF/ICB

Blandine de Fleurieu



INF/ICE

5 minutes with ... Joe

Have you ever wondered how people end up at IARC? In each newsletter, we introduce you to one of the early career scientists roaming our halls and ask them about their story. This time we interviewed our British colleague with multiple talents *Joseph Rothwell*.



About science ...

What is your current area of research?

I investigate the links between nutrition and cancer using mass spectrometry-based metabolomics.

What section/group are you working with?

I am a visiting scientist working in the Section of Nutrition and Metabolism, Biomarker Group.

What project are you working at IARC on?

At the moment I am collaborating with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Washington DC on a project investigating the links between coffee drinking and liver cancer. It is thought that high coffee intake might reduce the risk of this cancer. So far, I have worked on discovering blood and urine biomarkers of coffee consumption. The next step is working on an exciting case-control study aiming to reveal new links between coffee and liver cancer by metabolomics, which I am looking forward to.

Why did you decide to come to IARC?

I had already worked in France for two years at the National Institute for Agricultural Research in Clermont-Ferrand. My contract could not be renewed and my former boss, who had moved to IARC, offered me a postdoctoral contract at IARC. This contract turned out to be a "visiting scientist" position in my case. I jumped at the chance to move to a bigger more exciting city. Although I enjoyed my time in isolated Clermont, life is so much easier working in the centre of Lyon.

Can you describe your career history so far?

2001–2005: PhD in Food Science, University of Leeds, UK

2005–2006: Research Assistant, Molecular Epidemiology Unit, University of Leeds, UK

2007–2009: Miscellaneous short-term jobs

2009–2010: Information Analyst, National Health Service, Leeds, UK

2010–2012: French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), Clermont-Ferrand, France

2012-present: Visiting Scientist, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France

About life ...

What are your hobbies?

Too many to mention! Playing musical instruments – I have played the piano from an early age and even studied music for a while at university, almost following a musical career path. I played drums in the school orchestra and brass band. Sport also plays an important role in my life. My favourite sports are badminton and squash. Since coming to Lyon, I have discovered skiing and am now addicted to the adrenalin rush of whizzing down a mountain. In France, I started dancing salsa and picked it up quickly. Recently, I could not find any advanced salsa dance lessons I liked in Lyon and as I am an enthusiastic language learner as well, I abandoned learning salsa and took up a Chinese class instead.

If you had to choose a quote, phrase or expression that described you or how you see yourself, or how you see the world around you, what would it be?

I put a humorous quote at the beginning of every chapter of my PhD thesis. My favourite was this one from Douglas Adams: "In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and is widely regarded as a bad move". It is more thought provoking than it first appears. People still read my PhD thesis, just for the quotes.

And at the end what would be your suggestion, recommendation, wise words to the starting postdocs here at IARC?

Leave your work behind you at the end of the day and enrich your life with music, sport, dancing, whale-watching or whatever you love. I admire the way the French make the most of their free time!