



European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology
Sabbatical Leave Programme
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Progress Report 2008-2009

New grants

Two new grant applications have been accepted for the academic year 2009-2010.

- Professor Wieland Kiess (Leipzig, Germany) will spend his sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia (Department of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Royal Children's Hospital), starting in November 2009.

The host will be Professor George Werther and the topic "Child and adolescent obesity network, international cohort study". Professor Kiess was awarded with a 10.000 € grant.

- Associate professor Fabrizio Barbetti (Rome, Italy) will spend his sabbatical in New York, USA (Columbia Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center, Columbia University), starting in August 2009. The host will be Professor Domenico Accili and the topic "RNA-based therapy for infancy onset diabetes caused by mutations of the insulin gene". Professor Barbetti was awarded with a 24.500 € grant.

Completed and ongoing sabbaticals

-- Professor Ze'ev Hochberg (Haifa Israel) completed his six month sabbatical in April 2009. He spent four months at the Liggins Institute in Auckland, New Zealand, one research month in Haifa, and one month visiting and lecturing in pediatric departments in Brazil, Argentina and Samoa. His host in Auckland was professor Peter Gluckman and the research topic "Evolutionary Aspects of Child Growth". He had been awarded with a 25.000 € grant.

- Dr. Theo Sas (Leiden, The Netherlands) is supposed to complete his sabbatical leave in September 2009. He is spending his sabbatical leave in Paris, France. His host is Professor Yves Le Bouc and the topic "The role of Plasma Protein-A (PAPP-A) in pre- and postnatal growth. A study in normal and fetal growth restricted pregnancies and in children born small for gestational age (SGA) with or without Silver Russell Syndrome (SRS)". The granted sum was 25.000 €.

Plan and budget for 2009-2010

E. Lilly has supported the programme since 1993. The last grant was received in 2008. A new grant application will be sent to E. Lilly in August 2009 for the academic year 2010-2011. The continuation of the programme is dependent on the sponsor's new support. The goal is to grant two up to 25.000 € awards per year (total 50.000 €/year).

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