



European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology
Sabbatical Leave Programme
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Progress Report 2009-2010

New grants

Two new grant applications have been accepted for the academic year 2010-2011.

- Associate Professor Serap Turan (Istanbul, Turkey) will spend his sabbatical in Boston, Massachusetts, USA (Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School), the exact starting time to be verified in August 2010. The hosts will be Professor Henry Kronenberg and Dr Murat Bastepe, and the topic "The temporal profile of Gs α imprinting and XL α s expression in the renal proximal tubule during the early postnatal period in mice". Professor Turan was awarded with a 25.000 € grant.

- Professor Jorma Toppari (Turku, Finland) will spend his sabbatical in Copenhagen, Denmark (University Department of Growth and Reproduction, Rigshospitalet), starting in August 2010. The host will be Professor Anders Juul and the topic "Importance of normal testicular development for male reproductive health". Professor Toppari was awarded with a 25.000 € grant.

Completed sabbaticals

-- Professor Wieland Kiess (Leipzig, Germany) completed his two month sabbatical in December 2009. He spent two months at the Department of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. His host was professor George Werther and the research topic "Child and adolescent obesity network, international cohort study". He had been awarded with a 10.000 € grant.

- Associate professor Fabrizio Barbetti (Rome, Italy) completed his sabbatical leave in January 2010. He spent six months in the Columbia Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA. His host was Professor Domenico Accili and the topic "RNA-based therapy for infancy onset diabetes caused by mutations of the insulin gene". The granted sum was 24.500 €.

Plan and budget for future

We are grateful to E. Lilly that has supported the programme since 1993. Since 2008, an annual grant application has been required to be sent to Lilly grant office. The next grant application will be sent to E. Lilly in late Autumn 2010 for the academic year 2011-2012. 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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