

ERC Workshop: How to get the ERC grant?

Thursday, 11th December 2014

Venue: Institute of Fundamental Technological Research,
Polish Academy of Sciences (Pawinskiego 5B, Warsaw)

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 9:50 Welcome address

- Representative of UK Embassy in Warsaw
- Representative of Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Representative of PL National Contact Point

Session I: General introduction

9:50 – 10:00 The ERC grants: the rules of the game, funding philosophy

- Representative of PL National Contact Point

10:00 – 10.30 Polish participation in ERC grants seen from Brussels

- Mrs Monika Polińska-Gentens, Eligibility Coordinator, Call and Project Follow-up Coordination Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency
- Ms Małgorzata Misiewicz, Counsellor for Scientific Affairs, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU

Session II: What do the leaders do? The UK experience

10:30 – 11:00 United Kingdom best practice in supporting potential ERC applicants

- Ms Bethan Jones, ERC Officer, Research Operations Office, University of Cambridge
- Ms Carole Meads, Research Office, Imperial College London

Session III: The Polish experience

11:00 – 11:30 ERC grant support in Polish institutions

- Representative of International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (Mr Marcin Ogonowski, International Cooperation Manager, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw)
- Ms Diana Pustuła, Deputy Head of Research Services Office, University of Warsaw

11:30 – 12:00 Questions and answers referring to both sessions

12:00 – 12:15 Coffee break

Session IV: Practical advice from grantees and evaluators

12:15 – 13:00 Presentations of successful Polish ERC grantees

- **Physical Sciences and Engineering domain:** prof. Stefan Dziembowski, Institute of Informatics, University of Warsaw
- **Life Sciences domain:** prof. Janusz Bujnicki, Head of Laboratory of Bioinformatics and Protein Engineering, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw
- **Social Sciences and Humanities domain** dr Justyna Olko, vice-dean at the Faculty of “Artes Liberales”, University of Warsaw

13:00 – 13:45 Practical Advice from ERC Evaluators: specific approaches to applications representing three research domains

- **Physical Sciences and Engineering panel:** prof. Tomasz Dietl, Head of Laboratory for Cryogenic and Spintronic Research at the Institute of Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences
- **Life Sciences panel:** prof. Leszek Kaczmarek, Head of Laboratory of Neurobiology, the Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Polish Academy of Sciences
- **Social Sciences and Humanities panel:** dr hab. Natalia Letki, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw

13:45 – 14:00 Questions and answers

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

Session V: Practical advice from leading institutions

15:00 – 15:20 How to write a good CV and a catchy abstract of an ERC application

- Ms Bethan Jones, ERC Officer, Research Operations Office, University of Cambridge

15:20 – 15:40 How to write a good scientific proposal and get ready for an ERC interview

- Ms Carole Meads, Research Office, Imperial College London

15:40 – 16:00 Questions and answers

16:00 – 16.15 Conclusions, recommendations for the Ministry and research institutions

16:15 – 17:00 Bilateral meetings of potential applicants with ERC grantees, evaluators and British representatives