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The board



Julia Chair

MSCA-Horizon2020 PhD fellow in the Comm4Child ITN (current)

From: Brazil

I'm Julia Chiossi, an audiologist almost done with a PhD in clinical research on hearing devices and learning. I divide my time between Oticon in Denmark and the University of Oslo in Norway. I like bringing people together. I don't like unnecessary formality.



George Vice-Chair

COFUND fellow at the French Nat. Inst. for Agro Research (2015-16)

From: Greece

I am George Anasontzis, biotechnologist, innovation consultant, and now business developer specialised in biotech and bioentrepreneurship. I currently work at reNEW, the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Stem Cell Medicine, with headquarters at Copenhagen University and with nodes in Copenhagen, Leiden, and Melbourne. I like variation. I don't like nervous people.



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Aslan Secretary

MSCA-Horizon2020 RISE research fellow MNR4SCell (2017-22)

From: Turkiye

I'm Aslan, Hüsnü and I am the leader of nano-technology and metrology at DFM - Danish National Metology Institute. No, not meteorology... I don't know the weather; stop asking! This is Denmark, it will always be grey and wet. I like dark and cold. I don't like clichés.



Ana Events

Career Restart MSCA fellow at Copenhagen University (2017-19)

From: Spain

I'm Ana Martin González and I currently lead the work in Energy and Sustainability projects at Innovayt, an innovation consultancy. I have a background in complex systems in ecology, but recently I have been working mostly with decarbonizing technologies of all sorts. I like learning new things. I do not like to spend too much time away from mountains.



Thomas Advisor

MSCA-IF at the University of Southern Denmark (2016-18)

From: Austria

I am Thomas Paster. I am a political scientist and work as an Associate Professor in Business and Public Policy at Roskilde University (RUC). I work on how business interest groups in Europe influence social and labor market policies. Originally from Austria, I came to Denmark as an MSCA-Fellow in 2016. I like surprising research findings, I don't like train delays.



Alberto Jutland Representative

MSCA-Horizon2020 PhD fellow in the TEAM ITN (2017-20)

From: Spain

Alberto González Olmos, electrical & biomedical engineer, PhD candidate at Aarhus University's Center for Functionally and Integrative Neuroscience. I'm developing machine learning techniques for laser speckle contrast images to detect early signs of Alzheimer's & Hypertension in the microcirculation. I enjoy creating with most media. I am averse to monotony.

The informal meet-up 2023



Last September, under a rare Copenhagen sun, we held our first informal meet-up organized by the new Denmark chapter board. Together, we enjoyed a wonderful slice of cake and conversations about our scientific journeys in Denmark.

The discussions were as diverse as our members: from our own national culture and cuisines, to Danish architecture, and the 'hygge' concept...

The next informal meet-up will take place on the November 23, 2023. Don't miss the opportunity to join us as we explore new opportunities to network, collaborate, and build the Danish chapter together!

Julia *Chair*

Major Reforms in Danish Higher Education Underway

In the coming years, higher education programs in Denmark will undergo major restructuring. After difficult negotiations, the government reached a compromise in June 2023 with four of its supporting parties, the Conservative Party, the Socialist People's Party, the Liberal Alliance, and the Denmark Democrats.

The government initially aimed to reduce the duration of about 50 per cent of all MA programs from two to one year. Thereby, the government aims to make graduates available for the labor market earlier.

During the negotiations with other parties in government the reform was trimmed back. Now, from 2028 on, 10 percent of all Master students shall be enrolled in programs lasting 15 months, instead of the current 2 years. Thus, the reform will now affect far fewer programs than initially planned. A commission, which includes representatives of Danish universities, will decide which programs shall become shorter.

At the same time, the parties also agreed to cut the number of students admitted in BA programs by 8 per cent and to introduce a new vocational business master's degree, where students work and study part-time. This new degree will make up another 10 per cent of the permitted student intake.

Through this reform, the government intends to increase the number of graduates in specific professions that face labor shortages, such as nurses and social workers.

The reform has sparked controversy, in particular due to the concerns that the new, shorter MA programs will not be able to equip students with the skills and qualifications expected in the labor markets.

Moreover, the critics suspect that the shortening of MA programs will limit the opportunities for students to go on international exchanges and to take up internships during the period of their studies.

For universities, the reform will mean a restructuring of existing MA programs and a declining student intake in the BA programs.

Thomas *Advisor*

MSCAA Info

μ-Grants

Discover the Micro-Grant Opportunities within the Marie Curie Alumni Association!

Did you know that the MCAA offers financial support to its members to enhance their career development? The Micro-Grants aim to facilitate MCAA members to attend multiple types of events and training sessions, both in person and online, in their field of interest.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any MCAA member (with a at least 90% completed profile).

What kinds of activities can be funded?

Onsite or online workshops, conferences, symposiums, training activities, etc...in any field of knowledge.

How much is the grant?

Each member can receive a maximum of €1,000 per year.

When to apply?

Anytime, but at least 30 days before the activity and no later than February 29, 2024.

Want to apply?

Check more information at
<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/mcaa-micro-grants>.

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