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Attend the Eureka Translational Medicine course in Italy in 2015.

Interested in Translational Medicine? Interested in Striated Muscle Disease?

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy is sponsoring 2-4 junior scientists (at graduate/medical student, postdoctoral/resident or assistant professor level) to attend the *Eureka Institute for Translational Medicine Certificate Course* in Sicily, Italy, May 3rd-9th, 2015. All expenses will be covered.

Application Deadline has been extended to: November 20, 2014.

The objective is to establish the "*Eureka Network-Duchenne*" (*END*: as in "END DUCHENNE"). The long-term goal is for clinicians, scientists and advocates to build and maintain a highly productive team-based network for rapid exchange of data and ideas focused on issues related to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in the broadest sense.

The *Eureka* course is directed towards biomedical professionals in the early stages of their careers. Previous participants have been approximately equal numbers of PhD and MDs (or MD/PhDs) supplemented with biomedical administrators and industry scientists. Over the intensive 7-day course, participants examine case studies, attend highly focused seminars presented by members of the scientific, medical and biomedical regulatory communities and develop creative and novel problem-solving strategies to build uniquely effective teams. Participants also hone their abilities to communicate effectively across broad audiences. The program is tailored to individual needs, and is based on learner-centered discussions and mentoring by internationally recognized leaders.

Through a competitive process, 2-4 applications will be considered for participation in the Certificate program for the May 2015 *Eureka* class. The *Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy* through the *Sarver University of Arizona Molecular Cardiovascular Research Program* will fund travel expenses and tuition for the course. Potential participants will be solicited based on their prior credentials (e.g., as determined by their CVs) and their interest in being a core, long-term member of *END*. Note, it is not required that applicants have prior experience in striated muscle biology.

In exchange for the opportunity to attend the Eureka Certificate Course, the recipients of our awards will be expected to engage and educate members of the *Alternative Muscle Club* in the *END* objectives. At the yearly *AMC* meetings, award recipients will present information on what they learned at the Eureka course and how they are using the skills learned. They will also facilitate discussion of neuromuscular and cardiac-related Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy cases to the whole *AMC*. Social media venues will be established so that researchers can easily communicate with each other and maintain communication during their careers.

If interested please submit electronically to Sasha Verdugo at sasha@email.arizona.edu:

- 1) 1-2 paragraph description of your interest in neuromuscular and/or cardiac-related research.
- 2) Contact information
- 3) CV (curriculum vitae) or Biosketch
- 4) Letter of support from your supervisor
- 5) A brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) of specific knowledge you would hope to gain from the course and how it might further your long term goals.

Questions? Please contact Sasha Verdugo (Email: sasha@email.arizona.edu or TEL: 520-626-3184).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol C. Gregorio".

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