

Brief report from the 1st NextGEN ENETS Scientific Workshop, Knivsta, Sweden

I was delighted to be part of the 1st NextGEN ENETS Scientific Workshop, Oct 7-8, 2022 in Knivsta, Sweden. This workshop was a great opportunity to become part of the ENETS community and connecting with NET colleagues throughout Europe.

My scientific background lies in Molecular Medicine, with my current research goal to gain a better understanding of the dynamics and dysregulated pathways in small intestinal NETs and surrounding stroma, leading to mesenteric fibrosis. As a “newbie” in the GEP-NET field, I appreciated the scientific discussions and feedback on my research ideas from the NET expert panel, as well as my fellow NextGEN peers. The additional training on how to conduct a science slam was both entertaining, but also highlighted the growing importance of efficient science communication to the public.

For me, the ultimate goal is to get independent funding to conduct my research ideas. Therefore, I could greatly benefit from the “how to apply for an (ENETS) grant” session. If I have one suggestion to make this workshop even more successful: It would be very beneficial to have an additional session, allowing the participants to brainstorm on future collaborations, followed by a pitch presentation to the expert panel. Here, the feedback would be extremely valuable with respect to what seems promising, or which aspects are lacking to potentially get funded by ENETS.

Overall, I enjoyed the supportive, encouraging and international atmosphere of the entire workshop, where it was refreshing to have an expert panel including strong female leadership. I hope to see everyone at the 20th Annual ENETS Conference in Vienna.

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