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European project IMODE 3rd annual convention

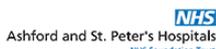
The Interreg 2 Seas Mers Zeeën project IMODE organized its third annual convention on the 25th and 26th of June during the MedFIT event in Lille, France.



IMODE is a **collaborative research project for multicomponent pharmaceutical products (co-amorphous and co-crystals) and medical devices that are loaded with bioactive molecules**. The project started in 2016 with the overall objective to bring together the specific transdisciplinary skills and experiences of partners (academic research groups, development agencies, SMEs) in order to provide the 2 Seas Area with strategic advantages for innovative pharmaceutical and medical applications. The IMODE project is motivated by an unmet need to develop solutions to address societal challenges to improve healthcare and provide novel and effective medication for various cardiovascular or gastro-intestinal conditions that lack or have inadequate treatment, all while keeping medical costs low.

The Interreg project organized its third annual convention on the 25th of June to present the project and its latest achievements.

During a morning conference, Pr. Dennis Douroumis from the University of Greenwich talked about 3D-printing of bioabsorbable drug eluting stents for the treatment of coronary artery diseases, followed by an intervention of Dr. Michael Okereke, from the University of Greenwich, about the development of a virtual platform for the analysis of *in vivo* response of 3D printed coronary artery stents. MD. Justine Mougins from



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the University of Lille presented the animal model used to test the drug-eluting stents in matter of safety and efficacy. Dr. Sheng Qi from the University of East Anglia talked about the promises and obstacles of translating drug-eluting contact lenses from bench to practice. Pr. Sharma Pankaj from the Ashford and St Peter’s Hospital’s NHS Foundation Trust held a presentation on the genetics of strokes. The conference was closed by the inspiring testimony of Satinder Faulkner, a survivor of a massive stroke when she was 20 year old who became a doctor.

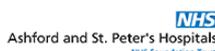
On the 26th, IMODE partners were reunited to hold a press conference on the IMODE stand.



From left to right: Bernard Martel (University of Lille), Youcef Benzine (PhD student at University of Lille), Frédéric Affouard (University of Lille), Nicolas Blanchemain (University of Lille), Saumil Bhatt (Cubic Pharmaceuticals Limited), Nicolas Descamps (Roquette), Steven Ross (Cubic Pharmaceuticals Limited), David Bonnel (Imabiotech), Dennis Douroumis (University of Greenwich)

Pr. Frédéric Affouard, Dr Bernard Martel and Dr. Nicolas Blanchemain from the University of Lille and Pr. Dennis Douroumis, from the University of Greenwich delivered some scientific details on the project while Saumil Bhatt and Steven Ross, respectively CEO and employee at Cubic Pharmaceuticals Limited, David Bonnel, Executive Director at Imabiotech and Nicolas Descamps from Roquette Group provided an overview of their contribution to this transnational project.

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