

INVITATION first edition of the “Belgium and the Netherlands Young Investigators Meeting” (BeNeYIM)

Dear colleague,
Dear young investigator,

For the first time, [NCFS](#), the Dutch expertise centre for CF, and [muco.be](#), the Belgian CF patient organisation, unite to organise BeNeYIM, the event for young CF investigators working in Belgium and the Netherlands.

With the aim of bringing junior CF investigators together, BeNeYIM offers a day of excellent scientific talks by senior investigators (see programme), soft skills training and a forum to present own results in a safe space. There will be plenty of room for networking, and for learning from a person with CF.

The meeting is open both to fundamental and clinical researchers, including researchers within psychosocial sciences. The first BeNeYIM will take place at the Erasmus MC in **Rotterdam** (the Netherlands) on **Friday October 10th 2025**.

Participation in BeNeYIM is not competitive: every interested young researcher will be able to register for and attend the meeting. However, the submission of an abstract is mandatory. An international scientific committee will select the 20 best abstracts. The selected researchers will be invited to prepare a poster. The authors of the 5 best abstracts will be given the opportunity to pitch their poster.

The event will take place in English and is open for all young investigators (below the age of 40) working on CF in a research institute located in Belgium or the Netherlands. There will be a registration fee of €25.

We kindly ask you to distribute this call amongst young CF researchers or colleagues in your network and to encourage them to register for this meeting. **Registration and abstract submission are only possible through this link:** <https://beneyim2025.yellenge.nl/> and close on **May 18th 2025 (midnight)**. Notification of abstract selection will follow in the beginning of July. Further information about the meeting will be provided to the registered young investigators.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Rotterdam!

Sincerely yours,

Domenique Zomer and Renate Kos (NCFS), and Elise Lammertyn (muco.be)

PROGRAMME (preliminary)

10:00-11:00 Plenary session

10:00-10:20 Introduction on the national patient organisations and CF Europe
Stefan Joris (Director muco.be, board member CF Europe) & Jacquélien Noordhoek (Director NCFs, former President CF Europe)

10:20-10:40 General introduction to fundamental CF research
Dr. Jakko van Ingen (Radboudumc Nijmegen)

10:40-11:00 General introduction to clinical CF research
Prof. Eva Van Braeckel (University Ghent)

11:00-11:15 *break*

11:15-12:15 Breakout sessions

Session 1: fundamental research

11:15-11:35 Prof. Cedric Govaerts (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

11:35-11:55 Prof. Jeffrey Beekman (University Utrecht)

11:55-12:15 Q&A

Session 2: clinical research

11:15-11:35 Prof. Hettie Janssens (Erasmus MC Rotterdam)

11:35-11:55 Clinical research from the perspective a clinical research coordinator (speaker TBC)

11:55-12:15 Q&A

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:35 Soft skills session (plenary)

13:15-13:35 Patient testimony by Ine Hendrikx

13:35-14:35 “How to keep your sanity during your PhD?” - workshop mental health

14:35-15:00 Poster pitches

15:00-16:15 Poster viewing + networking drink

16:15-16:30 Awards and closing