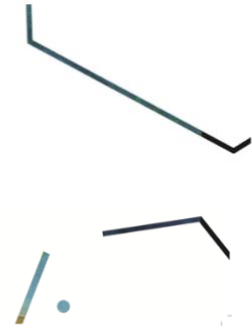




## 3<sup>rd</sup> CNE INTERNATIONAL CYSTINOSIS CONFERENCE



LEUVEN - BELGIUM  
7 – 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022



### CALL for ABSTRACTS - INVITATION for YOUNG RESEARCHERS

CNE is honoured to announce its 3<sup>rd</sup> International Cystinosis Conference to be held in Leuven, Belgium in July 2022, which will be organized in a hybrid format (live and virtual).

We look forward to welcome our colleagues and friends to the **research meeting** on the **7<sup>th</sup> of July**, and the **family conference** on **8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2022** !



During the family conference, a **poster session** for young researchers will be held, which is intended to inform families and those living with cystinosis about their relevant research in the cystinosis field. Its primary aim is to fuel hope in people dealing with cystinosis by demonstrating the usefulness and impact of your research on patients' everyday life, and drawing the perspectives for a better future. In addition, these sessions provide an optimal platform for young researchers to get into direct contact with the people they are working for. This goal can only be achieved when you are able to discuss your work in a patient-friendly, layperson way.



Researchers of **selected abstracts** will be given the opportunity to introduce their work via an **oral "elevator" pitch** of 3 to 5 minutes to the entire audience in a **plenary session** during the family conference. Following the pitches, researchers will be able to present their work fully via **one-on-one or small group discussions** in front of their **poster** during the coffee- & tea **breaks**. Posters will remain visible in the poster area during the entire conference.



An honorable **award** will be granted for the **best oral pitch** and the **best poster** through a vote from cystinosis patients and their families.

We would like to invite you to have a look at our preliminary program enclosed.

More information about the conference can be found on our website via the following link: [cystinosis.eu](http://cystinosis.eu)

All protocols and regulations regarding Covid-19 will be carefully monitored and adhered to, and we will update as details for the event are confirmed.

#### Guidelines for submission

- We look forward to receiving your abstract in English, with a word limit of 350 words
- The abstract must represent original work, and should be structured as follows: Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions
- The maximum size of the poster is A0 (841 x 1189mm) and will be presented in portrait mode
- Submit your abstract via e-mail to [cystinose@ziggo.nl](mailto:cystinose@ziggo.nl)
- Deadline of abstract submission is: April 1, 2022

#### Notification

The corresponding authors will be notified about the status of their abstract from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 onwards.

Looking forward to meet you in Leuven in July 2022 !

#### The organizing committee

Marjolein Bos, Fons Sondag, Martine Besouw, Koenraad Veys, Elena Levtchenko

*The Cystinosis Network Europe (CNE) is an umbrella grouping of patient support, advocacy and research organisations, aimed at improving the everyday life of cystinosis patients. It embodies the network of Cystinosis patient organizations from Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and the UK, and Cystinosis researchers throughout Europe and beyond.*

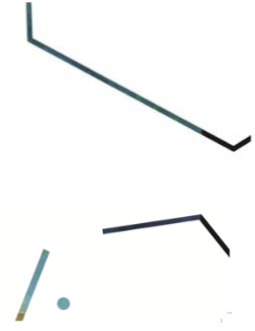
*The group originally came together in an informal way to provide peer support, and to back the hosting of a family and research conference every two years in Europe. In the last four years the network has become more active and has taken a leadership role in various contacts with researchers and members of the healthcare industry developing novel therapies for cystinosis.*



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### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME – Research meeting

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#### **Novel disease models for cystinosis**

*In vitro* & *In vivo* model development

iPSCs, organoids & tubuloids

#### **Innovation in treatment of cystinosis**

Gene-editing technologies

RNA lipid nanoparticle-based treatments

Novel molecular targets

Innovative therapeutics for ocular cystinosis

