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We were (almost) all there – a personal reflection on the 3rd World Congress on Electroporation

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In so many aspects the 3rd World Congress on Electroporation and Pulsed Electric Fields in Biology, Medicine, and Food & Environmental Technologies has met and even surpassed our expectations.

We had 405 participants coming from 42 countries. As expected, and already as a tradition, the largest participation was from USA (70), China (25), Germany (24), Slovenia (23), and of course our hosts – France (60). We were able to attract many students and early carrier investigators with our stimulating fee policy and by means of the generous support of the Doreen J Putrah foundation-sponsored travel awards.

The organisers were also successful in obtaining funds for Young Investigators and Student Competition Awards (wc2019.electroporation.net/awards) in Medicine and Biology, Vaccines, Biomedical Engineering, and Food Technology which all has a very positive influence on the future of our Society. In addition, looking at where participants are working, we see that 70 of 405 are coming from industry. This means that the work that we are doing is interesting for a number of industries. Similar high participation of participants from the industry was already seen at the 2nd World Congress in Norfolk (VA), USA, two years ago.

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Both these facts, having lots of young researchers and students as well as industry representatives as participants at the World Congress reassures me of the appropriateness of the decision to start the series of World Congresses on Electroporation and of forming the International Society for Electroporation-Based Technologies and Treatments.

After the 1st and 2nd World Congresses we organized and published a selection of papers in prestigious Journals. In a similar way as in previous years, there are special issues in five distinguished Journals being organized (see wc2019.electroporation.net/special-issues):

Bioelectrochemistry (IF 4.474) – guest editors: Matej Kranjc and Marie-Pierre Rols (deadline November 30, 2019).

Cancers (IF 6.162) – guest editors Jelena Kološnjaj-Tabi, Muriel Golzio, Marie-Pierre Rols (deadline December 31, 2019).

Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology (IF 5.122) – guest editors: Saša Haberl-Meglič, Damijan Miklavčič, Eugène Vorobiev (deadline November 30, 2019).

Innovative Food Science and Emerging Technologies (IF 4.085) – guest editors Samo Mahnič-Kalamiza, Eugène Vorobiev (deadline November 30, 2019).

Vaccines (IF 4.760) – guest editors: Emanuela Signori, Maja Čemažar, Richard Heller, Marie-Pierre Rols (deadline January 31, 2020).

By this we have secured the visibility of our research efforts and an important outlet for participants of the Congress. In the same line we are also continuing our efforts in providing an outlet through discussions with Elsevier and Frontiers as important and visible academic publishers.

On behalf of all participants I would like to cordially thank Marie-Pierre Rols and Eugène Vorobiev and their respective teams, i.e. the Organising Committee (wc2019.electroporation.net/committees) for their work before and during the Congress. I would also like to thank the Programme Committee and the members of the Awards Committees for their hard work in deciding which of the presentations deserve an award – always a difficult task. The Congress would not be as vivid and rich without the presence of the exhibitors and support of the sponsors. Some of them are with us already for the third time and I sincerely hope we will be able to have them there also in Copenhagen at the 4th World Congress during September 19 – 23, 2021. Mark the dates in your calendar. Remember: *we will (again) all be there!*

Forthcoming events

Electroporation-Based Technologies and Treatments

Ljubljana, November 10 – 16, 2019

<http://2019.ebtt.org>

The 4th World Congress on Electroporation and Pulsed Electric Fields in Biology, Medicine, and Food & Environmental Technologies

Copenhagen, September 19 – 23, 2021

<http://wc2021.electroporation.net>

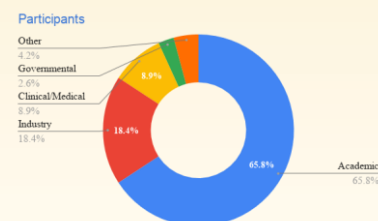
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Participants by sector: 65.8 % Academics, 18.4 % Industry, 8.9 % Clinicians, 2.6 % from Governmental Institutions, and 4.2 % from other sectors.

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