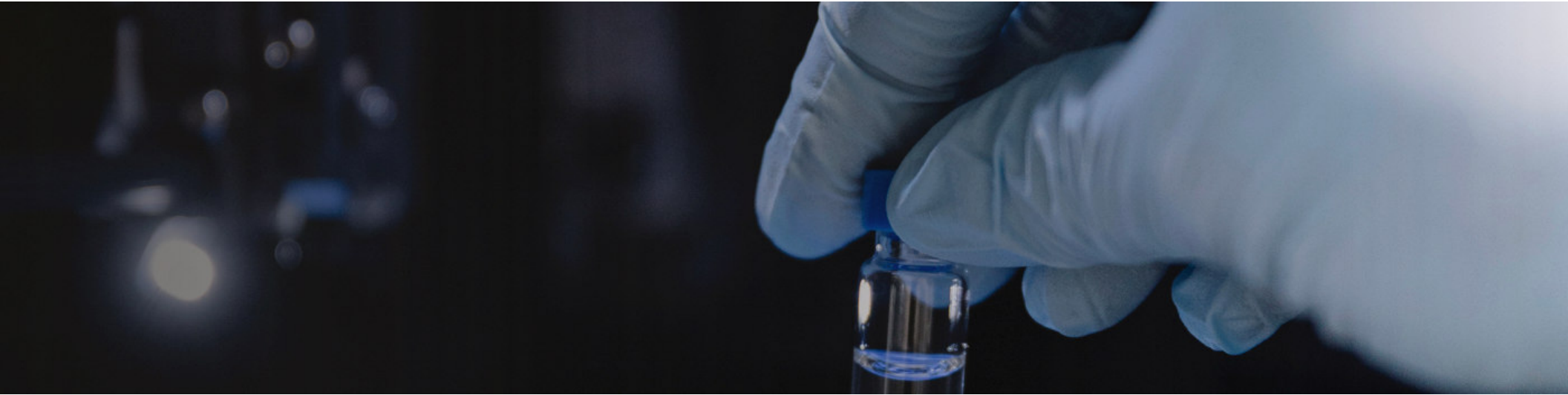




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ESACT General Assembly
June 25th, 2024



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A G E N D A

Welcome & Chairperson's Report	N Borth	10:00-10:05
ESACT Finances: Treasurer's Report	F Godia	10:05-10:10
Secretary's Report (Membership; homepage; administration)		
	A Tolstrup	10:10-10:15
ESACT courses	F Godia	10:15-10:20
Lisbon 2022 Report	P Alves	10:20-10:25
Update 2024 Meeting	A Dickson	10:25-10:30
Intro 2026 ESACT Meeting	N Borth	10:30-10:35
ESACT Frontiers	Frontiers	10:35-10:50
Announcement XC Elections 2019	A Tolstrup	10:50-10:55
Amendment of the Statutes	N Borth	10:55-11:10
Members' Comments/Suggestions, AOB & Conclusion	N Borth	11:10-11:15



Welcome & Chair Report



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Welcome & Chair Report

ESACT Executive Committee | 2022-2024

Important topics discussed:

- Sustainability of meetings and our industry in general
- Adapting course spectrum to up-to-date needs
- Update of Website content and structure
- Transitioning into professional administration – the ESACT Back office
- Changes to our statutes

ESACT Medals 2024

Recognizing *many years of active support to ESACT*



Paula Alves



JAACT



ESACT INOVATION AWARD 2026

Call for more nominations

Please start thinking about a person/persons or a technology that really made a change in our field over the last 15 years

In case of a technology – identify the people that actually developed it
Submit an application



ESACT Treasurer Report



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ESACT assets (Euro)

Lisbon GA, June 2022

Deutsche Bank	262723
CommerzBank	286910
Raifeissen Bank	209364
Total	758997

Edinburgh GA, June 2024

Deutsche Bank	262968
CommerzBank	359620
Raifeissen Bank	209232
Total	831820

Surplus from ESACT Lisbon: 238142

Cost of activities June 22-June 24: 163699

Reserve increase: 72823



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Cost of activities from June 2022 to June 2024: 163699

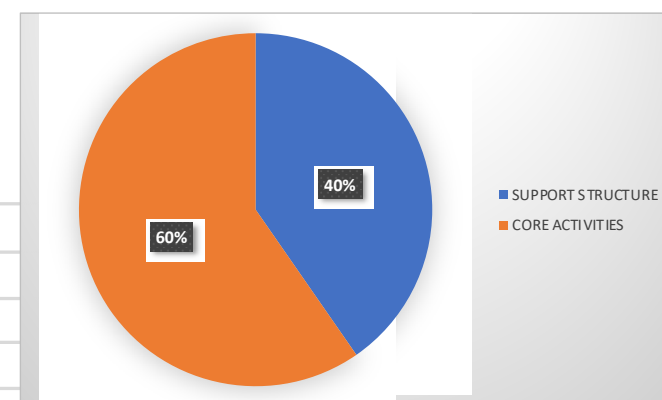
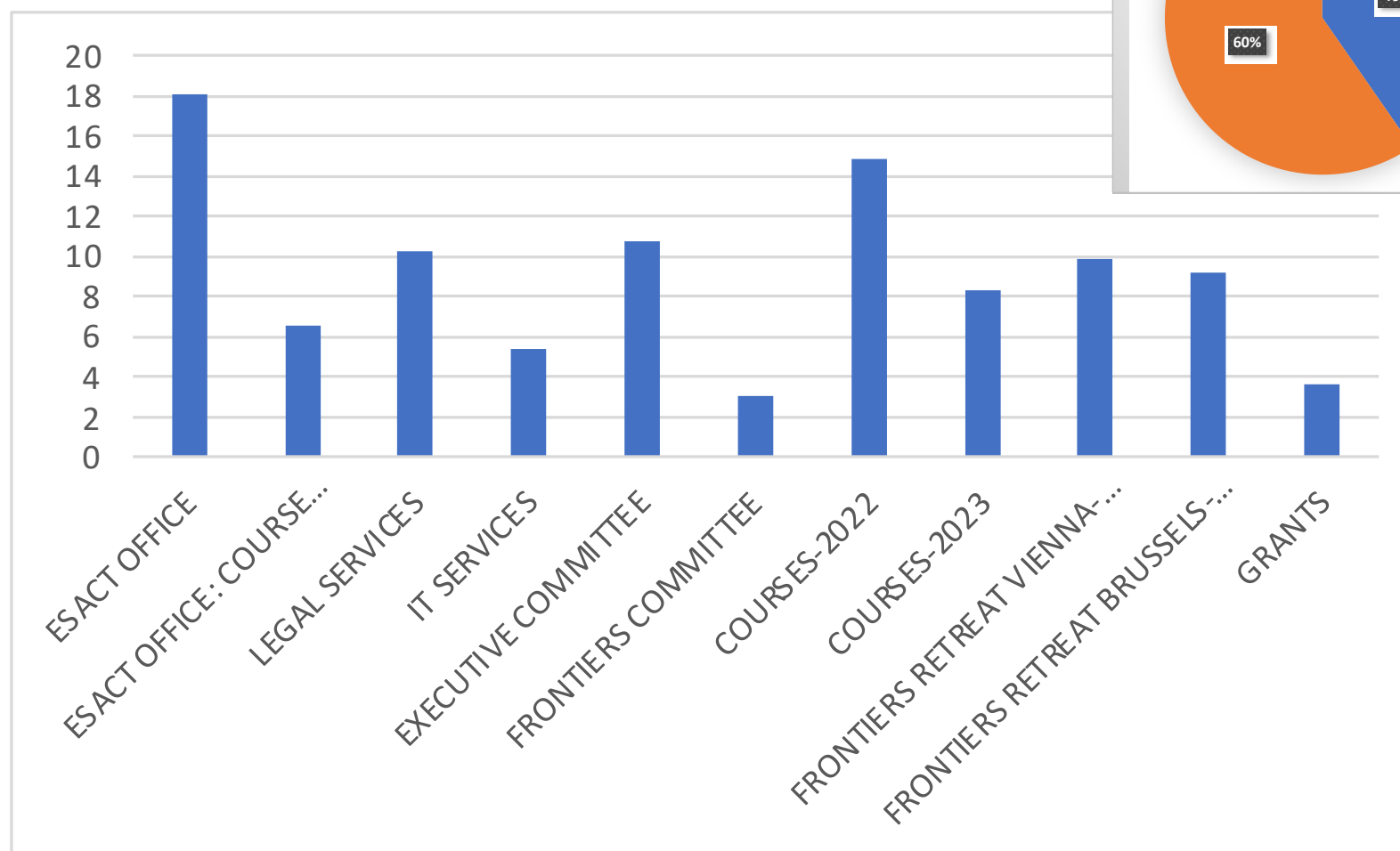
	INCOMES	COSTS
ESACT OFFICE	0	29714
ESACT OFFICE: COURSE MANAGEMENT	0	10811
LEGAL SERVICES	0	16785
IT SERVICES	0	8928
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	0	17658
FRONTIERS COMMITTEE	0	5005
COURSES-2022	58200	82613
COURSES-2023	108100	121714
FRONTIERS RETREAT VIENNA-2022	34861	51024
FRONTIERS RETREAT BRUSSELS-2023	24588	39680
GRANTS	0	6000



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Cost of activities from June 22 to June 24: 163699

By % of total





ESACT COURSES



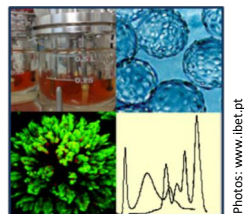
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Four Courses in 2023

13TH EDITION

ANIMAL CELL TECHNOLOGY COURSE

17-21 Sept 2023, Llafranc (Spain)



Photos: www.ibet.pt

Organizers:

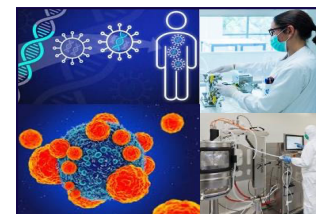
Francesc Gòdia, UAB, ES

Paula Alves, iBET and ITQB NOVA, PT

3RD EDITION

BIOPROCESSING & MANUFACTURING GENE AND CELL THERAPY PRODUCTS

24-28 Sept 2023, Llafranc (Spain)



Photos: www.ibet.pt

Organizers:

Eric J Kremer, CNRS, FR

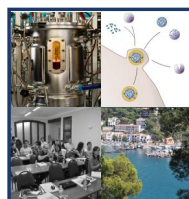
Joaquim Vives, Servei Teràpia Cel·lular at BST, ES

Margarida Serra, iBET, PT

8TH EDITION

CELL CULTURE BASED VIRAL VACCINES COURSE

1-5 Oct 2023, Llafranc (Spain)



Photos: Photos: ETH & MPI, Magdeburg, www.ibet.pt

Organizers:

Amine Kamen, McGill University, CA

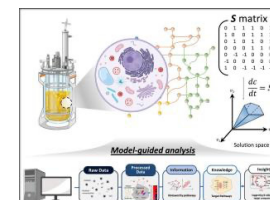
Yvonne Genzel, Max-Planck, Magdeburg, DE

Laura Cervera, UAB, ES

* NEW * NEW * NEW *

METABOLIC AND BIOPROCESS MODELLING FOR ANIMAL CELLS

15-19 Oct 2023, Llafranc (Spain)



Organizers:

Dong-Yup Lee, Sungkyunkwan University, KP

Cleo Kontoravdi, Imperial College, UK

Emma Petiot, Université de Lyon



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115 participants in 2023

Course	Academia	Academia with grant	Industry	Total
Animal Cell Technology	4	9	17	30
Bioprocessing and Manufacturing of Gene and Cell Therapy Products	16	8	6	30
Cell Culture Based Viral Vaccines	10	11	4	25
Metabolic and Bioprocess Modelling for Animal Cells	8	10	12	30
Total	38	38	39	115

ACT



BMGCT



CCBVV



MBM



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Participants feed-back

Course	% Very Good (4/5)	% Excellent (5/5)
Animal Cell Technology	4	96
Bioprocessing and Manufacturing of Cell and Gene Therapy Products	16	84
Cell-Based Viral Vaccines	30	70
Metabolic and Bioprocess Modelling for Animal Cells	40	60

Many thanks to Coordinators, Lecturers and ESACT Office

Deadline for 2024 Courses coming soon: 2nd July

Some vacancies still available, so apply NOW !!!



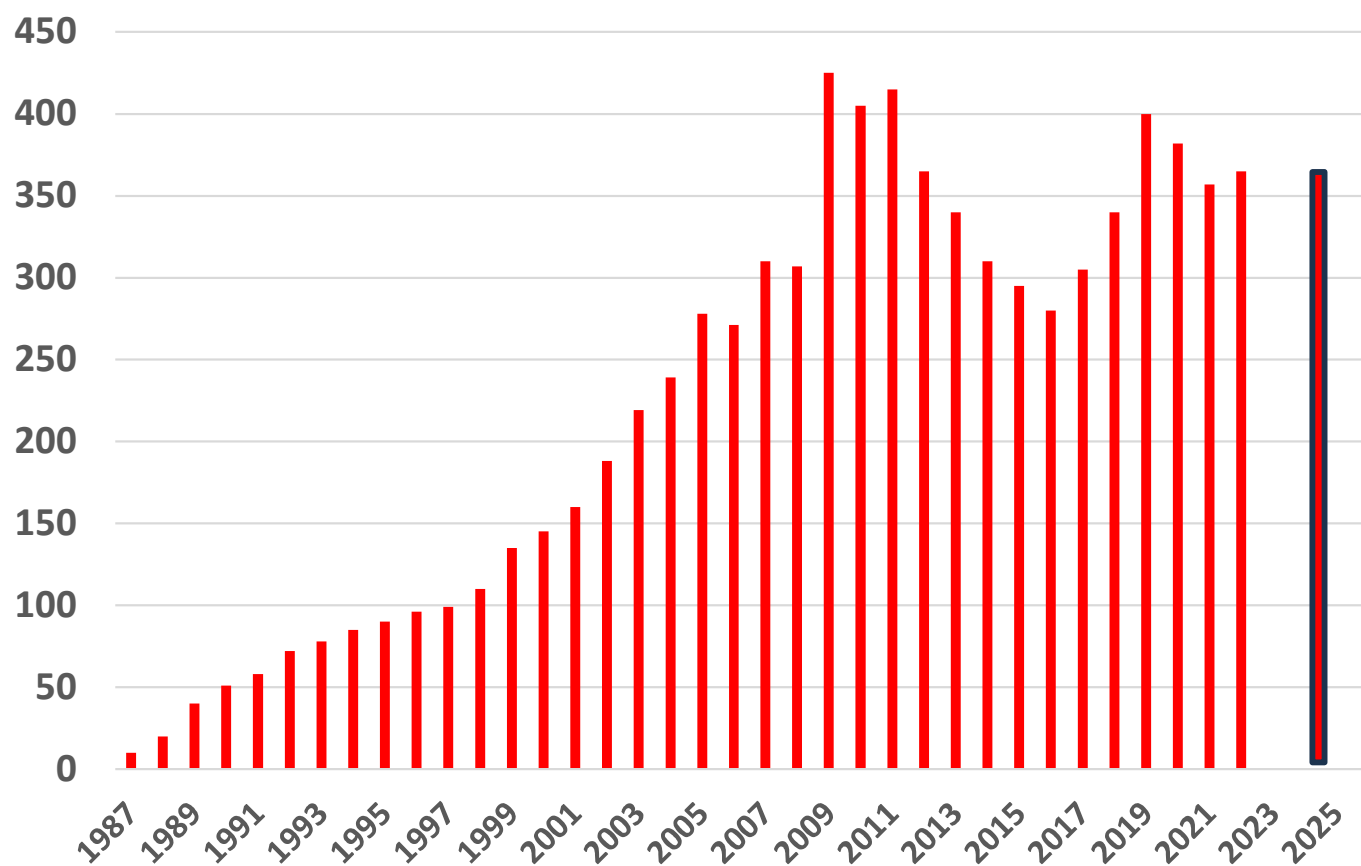
Secretary's Report



Active ESACT members 1987-2024

June 2024: 365 active members

In the first half of 2024, 59 new members have joined ESACT.



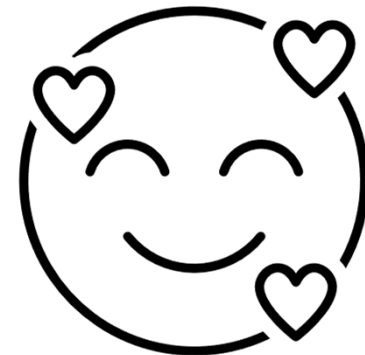


ESACT Administration

Professional back-office "Remember" engaged since 2022, along with IT support

They support us in many ways, hereunder:

- Bursaries, Memberships and ESACT courses administration
- **Newsletters** which are sent out every 3-4 times per year on topics such as:
 - ESACT courses announcements; ESACT2024 meeting; Frontiers Retreats; New initiatives
- ESACT members specific announcements and elections
- On top, LinkedIn is used increasingly to advertise ESACT activities





ESACT Activities

ESACT 2024 pre-conference crash course: ACT in a Nutshell



Practical cell cultivation course, organized by Emma Petiot in Lyon, September 2024

ESACT.org website re-launch planned towards the end of this year



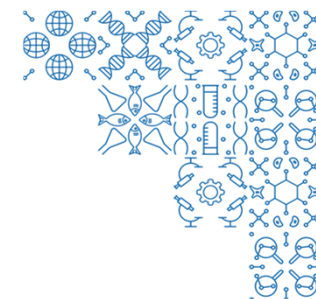
27th ESACT Meeting Lisbon June 2022 Final Report



Key Figures

1018 Participants from 32 countries:

- 186 ESACT members
- 283 ESACT non-members
- 55 students
- 56 bursary winners
- 318 exhibitors



27th
ESACT
Meeting
European Society for Animal Cell Technology
26-29 JUNE · LISBON 2022

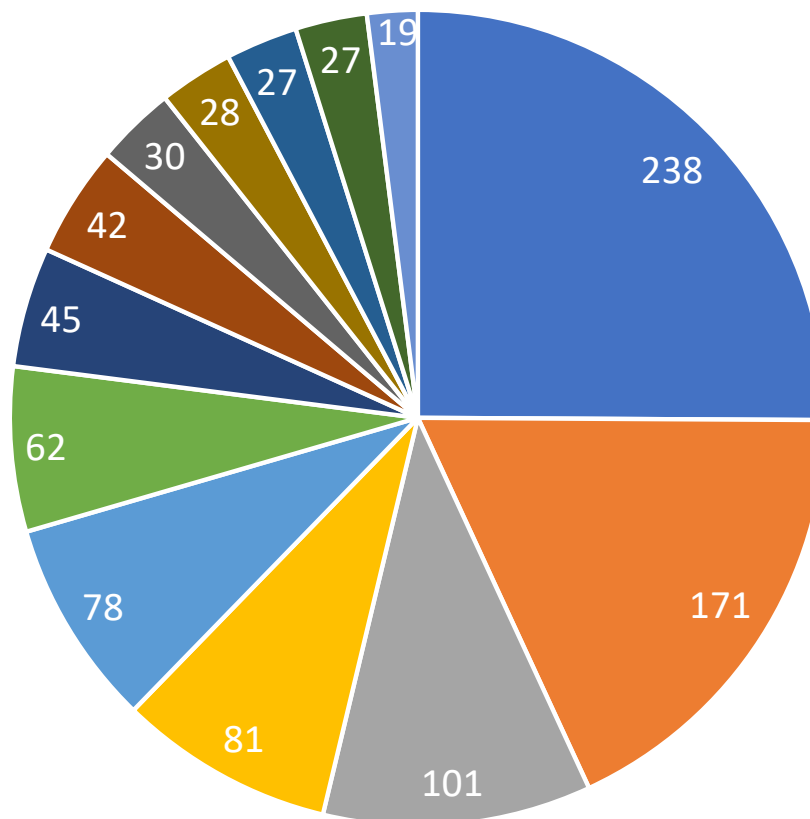


Key Figures

Participants by country



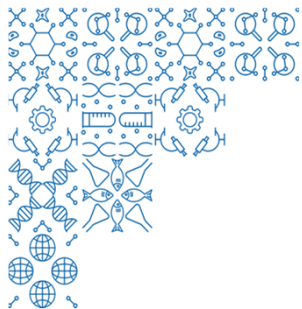
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2 United States	171
3 Portugal	101
4 United Kingdom	81
5 Switzerland	78
6 France	62
7 Spain	45
8 Denmark	42
9 Austria	30
10 Netherlands	28
11 Republic of Ireland	27
12 Belgium	27
13 Sweden	19
14 Canada	8
15 Argentina	7
16 Singapore	7
17 Japan	5



18 India	5
19 Chile	4
20 Italy	3
21 Luxembourg	3
22 Australia	3
23 Brazil	2
24 Finland	2
25 Hungary	2
26 Slovenia	2
27 South Korea	2
28 Bahrain	1
29 Croatia	1
30 Estonia	1
31 Mexico	1
32 Uruguay	1



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10 SPONSORS IN TOTAL

Platinum Sponsor (multiple): € 50.000

Gold Sponsor (multiple): € 40.000

Silver Sponsor (multiple): € 25.000

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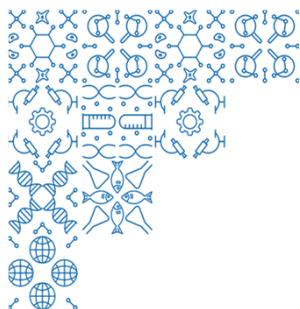
KERRY



ADVANCED
INSTRUMENTS



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EXHIBITORS

62 COMPANIES

SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS



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26-29 JUNE · LISBON 2022

ESACT 2022 Lisbon Networking Events Participants



- Port Wine Taste and Trader Reception: **650**
- Monday night Poster & Drinks: **500**
- Tour in Belém: **750**
- Dinner SUD: **810**
- Dinner Convento do Beato: **850**





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Biotechnology & Bioengineering (Wiley)

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ESACT 2022 Special Issue

Advanced Cell Technologies: Making Protein, Cell, and Gene Therapies a Reality

- 27 invited contributions (ranked by Scientific Committee and Guest Editors)
- 25 original articles & two reviews
- Published May 2023





ESACT 2022 Lisbon Finances



INCOME (without VAT)

01 - Registrations	472,837 €
02 - Sponsors and Exhibithion	927,300 €
03 - Advanced payment by ESACT (provision)	40,000 €
TOTAL INCOME	1,440,137 €

EXPENDITURE (without VAT)

01 - Congress Centre Rental and Infrastructure	176,535 €
02 - Printed Matters and Promotional Material	30,000 €
03 - Marketing and Promotion	49,941 €
04 - Techniquial Equipment - Congress/Exhibition Costs	49,599 €
05 - Services	18,575 €
06 - Material for Participants	35,460 €
07 - Invited Speakers & Committees	89,905 €
08 - Transportation/Shuttles	66,825 €
09 - Onsite Secretariat of Congress - Staff costs	17,572 €
10 - Miscellaneous (barcode reader, metro card, band, ...)	35,647 €
11 - Committee Expenses	35,476 €
12 - Meals and Social Activities	383,863 €
13 - ESACT Grants	41,000 €
14 - Payments from Provision (transfers, meetings, communication...)	40,000 €
15 - Programme & Exhibition Management (Grupo Pacifico)	70,797 €
16 - Organisation fee (PCO fee) (Grupo PACifico)	50,000 €
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,191,195 €

ESACT 2022 BALANCE

248,942 €



ESACT Edinburgh Meeting update

ESACT Edinburgh Meeting

Preliminary comments

952 registrants from 36 countries (34 UK)

- 135 students

54 bursary awards made to early career researchers

Industrial support -

- Platinum, Gold and Silver partners
- Workshop partners and educational grant sponsors
- Industry educational partners
- 64 Exhibitors

Introduction of -

Increased keynote speaker slots (clinical/sustainability)

Innovate or Die – new technology

Industry Educational Workshops

Pre=conference workshop “ACT in a Nutshell primer”



29. ESACT MEETING

European Society
for the Advancement
of Cell Technology

7 - 10 June 2026 | Salzburg, Austria | WWW.ESACT2026.COM





ESACT Frontiers



ESACT Frontiers - **Mission**

Our mission is to provide opportunities for early career scientists to personally and professionally develop whilst strengthening the connections within the advanced cell technology community.

Supporting growth, fostering connection



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Bi-weekly online meetings

ESACT Frontiers Retreats

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Annual face-to-face meetings

Supporting ESACT & ESACT Meetings



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Lunch & Connect





Nikolas Zeh



Valentine
Chevallier



Alexander
Strasser



Hirra Hussain



Nuša Pristovšek



Claire Pearce



Bernhard
Sissolak

Renewal process:

- Renewal of half of the group every 2nd year at ESACT meeting
- Application was open till May 15th
- 15 applications received
- All applicants interviewed virtually



Nikolas Zeh



**Valentine
Chevallier**



**Alexander
Strasser**



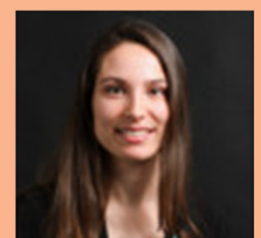
Hirra Hussain



**James Budge
University of
Kent**



**Nicolas Marx
BOKU**



**Laetitia Aurand
KBI Biopharma**



ESACT Frontiers - Retreats





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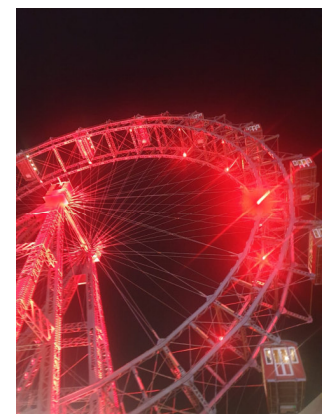
3rd ESACT Frontiers Retreat – Vienna 2022

We are back – Fostering the next generation of ESACT



ESACT
FRONTIERS RETREAT
26TH - 29TH OCT. 2022
VIENNA

- 77 participants
- Career talk focused on entrepreneurship
- Career paths in academia and industry
- Workshop on “Managing Innovation”
- Social activities & Scientific program





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3rd ESACT Frontiers Retreat - **Vienna**



ACTIP
Connecting Industry Expertise



**Sponsors of 3rd retreat.
Thanks for your support!**



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4th ESACT Frontiers Retreat – Brussels 2023



- 50 participants
- Keynotes dedicated to biologics, gene therapy and regenerative medicine
- Workshop on “Influencing”
- Talks on various career paths
- Terror attack in Brussels 2 days before the retreat
- Social program





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4th ESACT Frontiers Retreat – **Brussels 2023**

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Boehringer
Ingelheim



BILFINGER



Inspired by **patients.**
Driven by **science.**



ACTIP
Connecting Industry Expertise

**Spotlight presentations and networking opportunities
to connect early career talents and industry**



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5th ESACT Frontiers Retreat – **stay tuned!**

Looking for personal development opportunities
within the ACT field?

Join our 5th Frontiers Retreat!

11-13th June 2025



Supporting growth, fostering connection



*Oral and
poster
presentations*

Soft skill training



*Social activities
and networking*



Announcement XC Election Results



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ESACT Members Voting Result

> 120 members participated in the election



Niall Barron



Alan Dickson



Emma Petiot



António Roldão



Till Wenger



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New ESACT Executive Committee 2024-2026



Nicole Borth
Chair and
ESACT2026 organizer



Stefanos Grammatikos
Vice-Chair



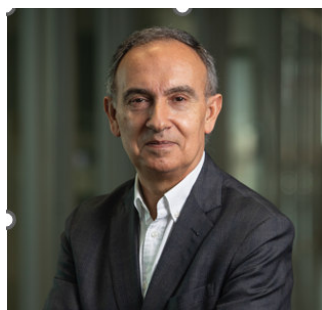
Niall Barron



Alan Dickson



Emma Petiot



Francesc (Quico) Godia
Treasurer



Anne B. Tolstrup
Secretary



António Roldão



Till Wenger



Honorary Member ESACT 2024



Congratulations

to Dr Alain R. Bernard for his election as Honorary Member of ESACT based on his multiple contributions to the society over many years



Alain R. Bernard



Amendment to the Constitution



ESACT General Assembly

- It all started with the name change
 - Current version of the statutes makes any change impossible as it requires 75% of the members to vote
 - That would be 275
- In addition, this version contained several outdated rules that are not up to modern digital times
- Vote put to members to accept the new version of the constitution



Members' Comments/Suggestions