

Brief Conference Account

41st European Muscle Conference, 1-5 September, Rhodes, Greece

The annual conference of the [European Society for Muscle Research](#), took place for the first time in Greece, organized by Christina Karatzafei ([University of Thessaly](#)) and G. K. Sakkas ([Center for Research Technology Thessaly](#)), at the island of Rhodes.



More than 180 delegates (45% women) from 27 different countries from all over the world attended the 41st European Muscle Conference (41st EMC). While the majority of attendees (78%) came from within Europe, we also welcomed representatives from North America (16%), as well as from Asia, South & Central America, Australia and Africa.

Truly interesting and novel work was presented and for the first time ‘snap presentations’ were introduced to maximize exposure of work presented in the poster sessions.

Two European Networks, [MUZIC](#) and [MYOAGE](#) actively participated by sponsoring respective scientific sessions. Moreover, MYOAGE sponsored the Keynote Lecture session (Prof Stefano Schiaffino, Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine, Italy). The conference was implemented by the conference organizing agency [SYMVOLI](#). The conference was also supported by exhibitors (see below), local agencies (e.g. [Europe Travel](#)) and academic volunteers.

Congratulations to the winners of the **Journal of Muscle Research and Cell Motility – Springer Young Investigator Awards:**

Award for best oral presentation:

Marcia Ivonne Pena Paz (Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine, Italy) | *The role of BMAL-1 gene in skeletal muscle*

Award for best poster presentation (shared):

Paul Wijnker (VU University Medical Center, The Netherlands) | *Impact of site-specific phosphorylation of the protein kinase C sites Ser42/44, Thr143 and Ser198 of cardiac troponin I on calcium sensitivity in human cardiomyocytes*

Apostolos Theos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) | *Expression changes of the uPa/TGF- β 1 bioregulation system after muscle damaging and non-damaging exercise in humans*

Congratulations the winners of the **41st European Muscle Conference Scientific Merit Awards:**

Award for oral presentation:

A. Mueller (Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf, Germany) | *Insulin as a modulator of cardiac titin*

Awards for poster presentation:

Jamie McPhee (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) | *Muscle to Bone ratio reveals the extent of muscle atrophy and sarcopenia during ageing*

Yasuko Ono (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science, Japan) | *Structure–function relationship of Na⁺-dependent activity of muscle-specific calpain*

Exhibitors and Supporters included

