



WELCOME LETTER for 2023 ESPCR MEMBERS

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We begin 2023 with a clearer sky, leaving already the covid-19 pandemic behind, although the Russian invasion to Ukraine is still there much to our sorry and desperation. Last year, 2022, we organized again a 1-day ESPCR online meeting that was very well attended and received, with numerous interesting presentations from young researchers all over the world.

For 2023, we are returning to the physical meetings, as the ones we had before. As you already know, for 2023, ESPCR is in charge of hosting and organizing the **25th International Pigment Cell Conference, IPCC2023** (<https://www.ipccbilbao2023.org/>), which will be held in Bilbao (Spain), organized by Lola Boyano (University of Basque Country) and the rest of Organizing Committee, on 30 May-2 June 2023.

With this invitation letter we launch the formal registration/renewal campaign for 2023 ESPCR members. Please visit our society web page (<http://www.espcr.org>) and register or renew to obtain your 2023 ESPCR membership. As agreed in our last ESPCR General Assembly we have slightly increased the membership fees. From 2023 onwards, **regular members annual fee will be 115€** (it was 105€ since many years) and **student members annual fee will be 75€** (it was 70€).

There will be ESPCR Travel Awards available for junior ESPCR members willing to attend the IPCC2023 conference in Bilbao. There will be also IFPCS Travel Awards for the same purpose. In both cases **you will have to be 2023 ESPCR member to qualify for these travel awards and to register with reduced conference fees.**

I hope this forthcoming IPCC2023 will boost our membership. And I hope most of you will attend this very interesting conference we are organizing in Bilbao. There is already a great group of speakers confirmed, including the Opening Lecture, by Greg Barsh, and the Closing Lecture, by Zalfa Abdel-Malek.

Looking forward to greeting you all in Bilbao!

With my best wishes,

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