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Lionel Larue (Orsay, France) Dear Colleague,

The community of researchers who study pigment cells is a diverse one. Our work spans tumour biology, dermatology, physiology, cell biology, genetics and genomics, molecular and structural biology and chemistry, and what unites us are the fascinating and important cells that make melanin and other pigments. Whether we are professors, clinicians, postdocs or students our shared interests unite us.

The European Society for Pigment Cell Research is the focus for this community in Europe, and we are one part of the International Federation of Pigment Cell Societies. We organise the regular European Pigment Cell conferences and every 3 years participate in the International Pigment Cell Conference. An important role of the ESPCR and IFPCS is to provide grants for postdoc and student members to attend these meetings.

Our partnership with IFPCS and the Society for Melanoma Research sponsors the journal Pigment Cell and Melanoma Research, a great focus for research in our field, and boasting an excellent Impact Factor of over 4.

If you are a member of ESPCR then I look forward to you renewing your subscription. If you are not yet a member, I urge you to join. Being a member strengthens the links within the European pigment cell community, makes you eligible for travel grants, discount on conference registration and gives you access to Pigment Cell and Melanoma Research online and via their app.

In 2017 the International Pigment Cell Conference will be held in Denver from 26th to 30th August. It is sure to be an excellent meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

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