MSCA Satellite Event  
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Toulouse, 7-8 July 2018

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“Dear MSCA Fellows, Dear Speakers, Dear Testimonials,

Welcome to the MSCA Satellite Event ESOF 2018! I am very pleased that you could make time in your busy schedules to join us here in the Pink City Toulouse for this MSCA family gathering.

I think we managed to put together a programme which puts you, our Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows, at the very centre. The brand new training platform is one of the projects dear to our hearts. lifelong learning, resilience and flexibility are important issues in our fast moving times. This is also particularly true for scientists and researchers. With this new platform we hope to give you a tool with materials to further develop and expand your skills and competences, as well as to make it easier to face changing and new demands in your work and studies, in business and academia.

And, last but not least, I hope that after the event you will feel more than just distant cousins in the MSCA family. To this end, we have foreseen ample opportunities for you to get to know your co-MSCA-fellows, and discover some of the amazing research they are working on.

A big thank you goes to my colleagues from the European Parliament, the Marie Curie Alumni Association and the Research Executive Agency for their dedication to make this event a special one.

Enjoy!”

Sophie Beernaerts
Head of Unit Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, European Commission

Marie Skłodowska Curie

A source of inspiration ...
A warm thought pulsing motivation ...
A home when feeling doubt and hesitation ...
A cure when in a mood leading to procrastination ...

The strength of true tenacity ...
Feeding my soul with pluck and audacity ...
Nourishing my passion to wider science, to proficiency and efficiency ...
Extending my eagerness to deeper progress and prosperity ...

When struggling, reminding me of my forgotten patience ...
When nothing comes out, whispering self-confidence and insistence ...
When feeling like giving up, recalling commitment and adherence to science ...
When being distressed, throbbing perseverance ...

Sparking the flame of knowledge and exploration ...
Embracing it to enlighten my path to grasp and examination ...
All along with curiosity, wonder and imagination ...
Opening gates to originality and innovation ...

The world has been blessed by the things you have done ...
The time of fruition had to come ...
Sparkling emotion, not counting the cost ...
Now in tribute to you, I dedicate these stanzas to you ...

From a Marie Skłodowska Curie research fellow ...

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SATURDAY, 7 JULY 2018
12.30 – 19.00   Visit to Airbus (in several groups)

SUNDAY, 8 JULY 2018
10.30 - 12.30  Welcome brunch
12.30 – 12.50  Presentation of the on-line training platform
   Greetings and introduction
   • Sophie Beernaerts, Head of MSCA Unit, European Commission
   • Matthew DiFranco, Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)
   • Raffaele Ferrando, Assistant Policy Officer, MSCA Unit, European Commission
12.50 – 13.30  Module 1: How to engage with policy makers
   • Fernanda Bajanca, Marie Curie Alumni Association
   • Philip Boucher, Policy Analyst, Scientific Foresight Unit, European Parliament
   • MSCA fellows share their experience
   Q&A
13.30 – 13.45  Coffee break
13.45 – 14.30  Module 2: How and where to best present your research
   • Agata Stasiak, Head of Communication Sector, Research Executive Agency (REA)
   • Manel Laporta Grau, Assistant Policy Officer, MSCA Unit, European Commission
   • MSCA fellows share their experience
   Q&A
14.30 – 14.45  Wrap-up by Sophie Beernaerts, Head of MSCA Unit, European Commission
14.45 - 15.15  Visit of the exhibition on Marie Skłodowska-Curie and her fellows
15.15 - 16.45  Speed-dating
   Get to know specific areas of research in a relaxed and entertaining
   atmosphere – 10 minutes and then on to the next...
16.45 - 17.00  How was your day?
18.00 – 21.30  Visit of Aeroscopia Museum with networking cocktail
**SOPHIE BEERNAERTS**

Sophie is the Head of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions unit in the European Commission. Before that, she was in charge of school education policy and of the Erasmus+ Programme in the school, vocational and adult education sectors. She has also been in charge of the Europe for Citizens Programme that aims at enhancing civic participation at the EU level.

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<td>Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. <em>Helen Keller</em></td>
<td>Contribute to the EU being 'United in Diversity'.</td>
<td>Be a supportive and smiling mother ;-)</td>
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**DR MATTIAS BJÖRNMALM**

Mattias is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at Imperial College London. He leads the EU-funded project qBionano.org, is an editor for the science and policy journal Angle, and a member of the Policy Working Group of the Marie Curie Alumni Association.

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<td>Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.</td>
<td>Create happiness.</td>
<td>Trains.</td>
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MATTHEW DIFRANCO

Matthew received his PhD in Computer Science from University College Dublin in 2010, and now lives and works in Vienna, Austria. He is currently an independent scientific consultant with a focus on medical imaging and data analysis, and also Chair of the MCAA Executive Committee.

Favourite saying
Think globally, act locally. 
*Patrick Geddes*

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<td>Discover, educate, experience.</td>
<td>Crossword puzzles, softball and cooking.</td>
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PHILIP BOUCHER

Philip researches the relationship between emerging technologies and society. After postdoctoral research positions at the Universities of Manchester and Nottingham, he joined the research service of the European Commission and, later, the European Parliament. At STOA, he delivers bespoke insights to Committees and Members of the European Parliament.

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<td>My mantra for research: interesting and useful.</td>
<td>For a simple, happy and meaningful life.</td>
<td>I play drums, and I am quite outdoorsy.</td>
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FRAN CARDELLS

Fran is an innovator, technologist and speaker. Previously at Google, now at Salesforce as Strategy Director, based in London, Fran began his career as a Scientist in industry and academia with a Marie Curie Fellowship. Fran obtained a Master's from HEC Paris, France, Exec. Education from Harvard, USA, and a Ph.D.

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<td>Be the change you wish to see in the world. <em>Mahatma Gandhi</em></td>
<td>Overcoming Inequality with Ingenuity.</td>
<td>Exploring Yogic Paths and the World.</td>
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RAFFAELE FERRANDO
With more than 10 years of experience in communication, Raffaele is working as an Assistant Policy Officer in the MSCA Unit of the European Commission. He is mainly in charge of the digital communication tools, among which the new MSCA online training platform. He holds Master Degrees in Journalism and in Political Sciences.

Favourite saying
Learning never exhausts the mind.
*Leonardo Da Vinci*

Ambition
Spending nice family time and enjoy work... and vice-versa.

Hobbys
Cooking, reading, socialising.

MANEL LAPORTA GRAU
Manel is an Assistant Policy Officer in the MSCA unit of the European Commission. He is mainly responsible for the European Researchers’ Night initiative and the communication coordination of the Unit. He holds degrees in Public Management and Political Sciences and Administration.

Favourite saying
Transforming while performing.

Ambition
Be happy.

Hobbys
Skiing & riding my mountain bike.

COLUM MACKICHAN
Calum is Communication Officer at CESAER, an association of 51 universities of science and technology. He was previously Publications Officer at the European Plant Science Organisation and Global Coordinator of the Fascination of Plants Day. Calum holds a PhD in Microbiology from Université Paris-Sud.

Favourite saying
The poem “If—” by *Rudyard Kipling*

Ambition
Be happy.

Hobbys
Football, hiking, learning Spanish.

DR MATTHEW MURTHA
Matthew obtained his PhD in molecular biology from The Ohio State University in the vast emptiness of the American MidWest. As a postdoc in New York he developed a novel way to annotate genomic regulatory elements. His work then took him to the coasts of Catalonia for a postdoc in cancer epigenetics in Barcelona, Spain.

Favourite saying
If at first you don’t succeed, try it n+1 times again.

Ambition
International man of science and mystery.

Hobbys
Radio broadcasting.
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<td>You can’t have your cake and eat it.</td>
<td>Make our lives more sustainable.</td>
<td>Cooking, rugby and outdoors.</td>
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<td>Challenging problems can be broken into manageable parts.</td>
<td>To leave the world a better place.</td>
<td>Skating, swimming, yoga and songwriting.</td>
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<td>Never get the fear of failure get in your way.</td>
<td>First of all to enjoy life!</td>
<td>Yoga, travelling, vegan cooking.</td>
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<td>It is harder to be kind than to be clever. <em>Jeff Bezos</em></td>
<td>Empowering people, particularly women.</td>
<td>Connecting with like-minded people.</td>
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3. Hotel Mercure St-George
   Rue Saint-Jérôme - 31000 Toulouse

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   84 Allée Jean Jaurès - 31000 Toulouse

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