

Scientific Report

**Tissue Engineering in the Auditory System:
Paving the Way from Basic Science to Clinical Practice**

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Recently, I started as a PhD-candidate in the field of regeneration of the auditory system. Relatively new to the field (I did a masters in neurosciences with a focus on the auditory system) I became very excited when a colleague pointed this conference out to me. Thanks to the ESF/REMEDIC Network programme grant I was able to attend, for which I am very grateful.

For me, this conference has been invaluable in two ways. Firstly, the invited speakers covered a broad range of subjects, and presented their research in easy-to-digest pieces of information. At the end of the day, I really felt to be up-to-date with recent and ongoing research performed in Europe, Asia and Australia, something which makes me feel more at home and settled in this area of research. This also allows me to put my own research in a broader perspective, both now and in the future.

Secondly, I personally got to meet some of the top-researchers. This has been very inspiring. At the end of the day I had some very interesting discussions about both their and my research, and even up to weeks later I still get enthusiastic when I think back, of which I notice that it increases my drive to perform experiments.

Concluding, although this conference lasted only a single day it has been extremely helpful and stimulating.

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