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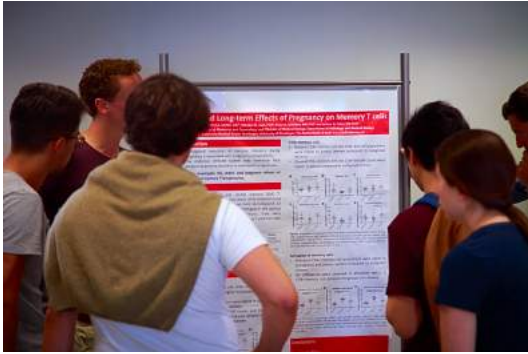


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A S S O C I A T I O N

Welcome to the first Newsletter of EMPA. The notary office in Groningen has documented us as the 'European MD-PhD Association'. We claim that we are 'Enlightenment, Mutualism, Participation for All'. When we are making fun of our chair (read interview below), we replace 'All' with 'Ali' in the last sentence. If this is not enough to intrigue you about us, we are the only officially recognized platform for recent, current, and prospective MD-PhD students in Europe, with an ever-growing representation from 13 different European countries. From now on (bimonthly with our newsletter), consider us your go-to team: for networking, for resource outlook, for mentorship, for voicing your opinions to academic policy-makers, and for beer-bonding at EMPA events :)'



The 5th European MD/PhD Conference in Strasbourg was a great success!
Check out some of the pictures here and on the [EMPA website](#).



Introducing: Ali Jawaid, Chair of the EMPA Board

1. First stepped at EMPA in

2015, wrote an email to the founding chair Ruben, expressing my unconditional love for EMPA

2. How old do you feel?

Hover between a 16 and a 48 year old, in the end it's balanced at my real age (32)

3. In which country have you lived for >50% of your life?

My beloved Pakistan, the simplicity in a typical Pakistani's character has depth you won't find in philosophical texts

4. Favorite scientist?

Eric Kandel, his reductionist approach, his papers, and his impeccable bow tie; I'd consider myself a king if I can manage two of the three ;)

5. What song more precisely describes EMPA?

For now 'Stairway to heaven'...if the funding situation doesn't improve 'Boulevard of broken dreams':p

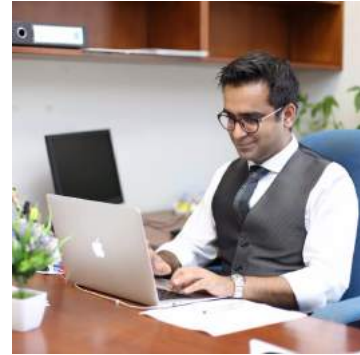


6. What do you think MD/PhDs dream about (one word):

swag

7. How do you see EMPA after 10 years?

Chaired by a woman physician-scientist, an ideal platform for MD-PhDs producing world leaders in academia and health policy making

**8. Tell us something crazy and funny that happened (or is happening right now) during your PhD studies?**

I had a quad biking accident and broke my arm three years ago. While lying there, waiting for the ambulance, I tried to move my thumb to see if I could still pipette. My sister was there who commented on my obsession for science

9. After finishing the interview you step outside and find a lottery ticket winning \$10 million. What would you do?

Donate 9 million to EMPA (kidding), maybe donate 1 million to EMPA, 4 to health and research in Pakistan, save another 3 for my future research, 1 for gifts for my family and friends, and last 1...hmmm...maybe use it to publish my novel

Recent publications by EMPA members**Myrthe de Koning**

Non-Hospitalized Patients with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: The Forgotten Minority.

Journal of Neurotrauma, January 2017

• Bernadette Fokkens

Vitreous advanced glycation end products and α -dicarbonyls in retinal detachment patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and non-diabetic controls.



Upcoming Conference Deadlines

SMPA & EMPA present **6th European MD-PhD Conference**

A promotional poster for the 6th European MD-PhD Conference. The background is a scenic view of a river in Basel, Switzerland, with a stone bridge and buildings reflected in the water. The text on the poster includes:

EUROPEAN MD/PhD ASSOCIATION

October 13-14th 2017
Basel | Switzerland

Everything on Ageing
old age, young age, new age | exciting keynote lectures | student presentations | science slam | gala dinner | general assemblies
SMPA and EMPA | and more

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Detailed program of the 6th European MD-PhD Conference in Basel

Sources of funding for translational research in Neuroscience

List of all MD-PhD programs/scholarships in Europe



Greetings from the EMPA Executive Board 2016-2017

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