



PRESS RELEASE

Europe's Most Prestigious Medical Awards: Jung Foundation for Science and Research Honours Excellent Researchers

Hamburg, 13 May 2022. Yesterday evening, the Jung Foundation for Science and Research honoured the work of four outstanding medical researchers and awarded them the Foundation's prestigious medical prizes worth a total of 540,000 euros. Around 50 invited guests attended the award ceremony at the renowned Hamburg and Germania Rowing Club. After the in-person award ceremony had to be cancelled two years in a row due to the pandemic, the event took place as usual this year and numerous guests from science and research celebrated the laureates in a fitting manner.

A glamorous evening for scientific research: The Jung Foundation for Science and Research finally presented its annual prizes in a personal award ceremony again. The prizes awarded included the Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine, the Ernst Jung Career Advancement Award and the Ernst Jung Gold Medal for Medicine. With a grand total of 540,000 euros, the prizes belong to the most highly endowed prizes in Europe.

This year, the Ernst Jung Career Advancement Award went to **Dr Anastasios Giannou** for his project, "Role of tissue resident cells in metastasis", which he brought to life at the University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE). The Ernst Jung Gold Medal for Medicine was awarded to **Professor Dr Alain Fischer** from the Institut Imagine in Paris. He received the award for his life's scientific work in deciphering the development of different congenital immunodeficiencies and the subsequent development and successful application of a corresponding gene therapy. The Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine was awarded to **Professor**



Dr Ingrid Fleming from Goethe University in Frankfurt for her research into possible secondary diseases of diabetes and other vascular diseases, and **Professor Dr rer. nat. Dr med. h. c. Ralf Bartenschlager** from Heidelberg University Hospital for his research in the field of molecular virology, in particular on the biology of RNA viruses. They share the prize money of 300,000 euros that comes with the award. All four speakers agreed on where the profits should go – towards the promotion of further scientific research.

The event was hosted by Jochen Spethmann, Chairman of the Board of the Jung Foundation, Verena Strasoldo, Managing Director of the Foundation and the well-known former Hamburg radio presenter Meike Ment (MuthKomm). At the beginning of the event, Mr Spethmann introduced Professor Schwappach-Pignataro to all participants as a new member of the Board, bid farewell to Professor Moritz as a long-standing member of the Board as well as the Board of Trustees and welcomed Professor Ley to the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation.

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research has been awarding medical prizes to top researchers since 1976, making a major contribution to scientific progress beyond Germany's national borders.

Further information on this year's laureates can be found under <http://www.jung-stiftung.de/en>.

Digital Symposium on 13 May 2022

Those who would like to learn more about the award-winning researchers and their work will have the opportunity to do so at a digital event this Friday, 13 May. Anyone interested can attend the symposium from 10 a.m. and follow the exciting lectures of the speakers live. The corresponding link can be found under <https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2022-en/>.

The Jung Foundation would like to thank all the official participants and the award winners as well as all the guests for the successful tribute to outstanding research.

Requests for additional live recordings, sound bites and interviews with contacts from the Jung Foundation and the award winners should be addressed to Nele Luchsinger, MuthKomm.



f.l.t.r. First row: Dr Anastasios Giannou, Prof Dr med. Alain Fischer, Jochen Spethmann, Prof Dr Ingrid Fleming, Prof Dr rer. nat. Dr med. h. c. Ralf Bartenschlager // second row: Prof Dr Ruth Ley, Prof Dr rer. nat. Hans-Ulrich Moritz, Petra Scharner-Wolff, Prof Dr med. Christian Büchel, Prof Dr Dominique Soldati-Favre // third row: Verena Strasoldo, Dr Christian Flach, Prof Dr med Thomas Boehm, Prof Dr Stefanie Dimmeler, Prof Dr Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro



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Winner of the Ernst Jung Career Advancement 2022: Dr Anastasios Giannou



Winner of the Ernst Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2022: Prof Dr med. Alain Fischer



Winner of the Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine 2022: Prof Dr Ingrid Fleming



Winner of the Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine Prof Dr rer. nat. Dr med. h. c. Ralf Bartenschlager and Chairman of the Jung Foundation Jochen Spethmann

About the Jung Foundation for Science and Research

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research, based in Hamburg, was founded by the Hamburg entrepreneur Ernst Jung in 1967. Its work, led by chairman Jochen Spethmann, aims to advance human medical research, promote new therapies and strengthen Germany as a centre of science. Each year, the Foundation awards three prizes with these goals in mind, which, with an overall prize fund of €540,000, are among the most lucrative medical prizes in Europe and promote excellent human medicine: the Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine, the Ernst Jung Gold Medal for Medicine and the Ernst Jung Career Advancement Award for Medical Research. Talented young physicians can apply directly for the Career Advancement Award. The candidates for the other awards are nominated.

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