

PRESS RELEASE

Award ceremony: 540,000 euros for top researchers

Jung Foundation for Science and Research honours Özlem Türeci, Stefan Rose-John and Achmed Mrestani with highly endowed medicine prizes



f.l.t.r Jochen Spethmann (Chairman of the Board of the Jung Foundation), Dr med. Achmed Mrestani (Jung Career Advancement Award 2023), Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci (Jung Prize for Medicine 2023), Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John (Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2023), Prof. Dr Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro (Member of the Board of the Jung Foundation)

Hamburg, May 5, 2023. Yesterday evening, the Jung Foundation for Science and Research awarded its medical prizes, which are among the most highly endowed in Europe. The laureates: Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci, Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John and Dr med. Achmed Mrestani were honoured with a total of 540,000 euros for their pioneering research. With personal speeches of thanks, they accepted the awards in front of an invited audience.

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research presented this year's medical awards to three renowned researchers on the evening of May 4, 2023: Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci received the Jung Prize for Medicine 2023, Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John the Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2023 and Dr med. Achmed Mrestani the Jung Career Advancement Award 2023. Around 60 invited guests of honour and members of the Jung family followed the award ceremony and speeches of thanks at a festive dinner at the Anglo-German Club on Hamburg's Außenalster. The awards, worth a total of 540,000 euros, are among the most highly endowed medical prizes in Europe.



f.l.t.r Laureates 2023 of the Jung Foundation: Dr med. Achmed Mrestani (Jung Career Advancement Award 2023), Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci (Jung Prize for Medicine 2023), Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John (Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2023), Prof. Dr Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro (Member of the Board of the Jung Foundation)

Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci accepted the **Jung Prize for Medicine 2023**, the main prize of the Jung Foundation. The trained physician, academic scientist and **co-founder of BioNTech** was awarded

for her groundbreaking research in the field of immunology and mRNA technology. Her contribution to the development of the first approved COVID-19 vaccine and her basic and translational research into potential new personalised treatment options for cancer patients set her apart as a worthy recipient of the award. She received prize money of **300,000 euros**.



Professor Dr med. Dr h.c. mult. Özlem Türeci, awarded the Jung Prize for Medicine 2023

The **Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2023** was awarded to **Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John**. Until recently, he conducted research at **Christian Albrechts University in Kiel**. The medal honours his scientific life's work on the signalling effect of the cytokine interleukin-6 and the clinical translation of his results into inflammation medicine and oncology. With the prize, he is entitled to award a scholarship of **30,000 euros** to a young scientist of his choice.



Professor Dr rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John, honoured with the Jung Gold Medal for Medicine 2023 for his life's work

Dr med. Achmed Mrestani, MD, from the **Clinic and Polyclinic for Neurology at the University Hospital Leipzig**, received the **Jung Career Advancement Award 2023**. He is researching the influence of specific point mutations on the development of epilepsy and headache disorders in a cooperation with the **Rudolf Schönheimer Institute for Biochemistry at the Medical Faculty of the University of Leipzig**. With his award, he will receive funding of **210,000 euros** over the next three years.



Achmed Mrestani, MD, he received the Jung Career Advancement Award 2023

The Hamburg Jung Foundation for Science and Research awards three prizes for medical research each year. It honours those researchers whose projects offer promising possibilities for new treatment methods. So far, the foundation has invested over 15 million euros to build bridges between research in the laboratory and treatment at the bedside.



Below: from left to right Jochen Spethmann (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jung Foundation), Professor Dr. med. Özlem Türeci, Professor Dr. rer. nat. Stefan Rose-John, Dr. Achmed Mrestani, Prof. Dr. Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation)

Middle: from left to right Verena Strasoldo (Managing Director of the Jung Foundation), Professor Dr Dominique Soldati-Favre (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation), Professor Dr Ruth Ley, PhD, (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation), Professor Dr Stefanie Dimmeler (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation)

Top: f.l.t.r. Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Boehm (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation), Prof. Dr. med. Jens Brüning (Member of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation), Professor Dr. med. Christian Büchel (Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jung Foundation)

About the Jung Foundation for Science and Research

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research, based in Hamburg, Germany, honours basic and advanced research projects of particular clinical relevance with three annual awards. To date, the foundation has invested more than 15 million euros in supporting researchers whose projects build a bridge from research to the bedside. Under the motto “Award-winning Human Medicine”, the foundation thus makes a significant contribution to the development of new therapy methods. With a total of 540,000 euros, the Jung Prize for Medicine, the Jung Gold Medal for Medicine and the Jung Career Advancement Award for Medical Research



are among the most highly endowed medical prizes in Europe. Talented young doctors can apply directly for the Advancement Award; candidates for the other awards are nominated.

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