

Dear PanEuCOPT Members,

As members of the COST Action CA24127, we have come together around a shared ambition: to raise awareness about photodynamic inhibition {PDI} as a new antimicrobial strategy, both within the scientific community and in society as a whole. Education, therefore, plays an important role in achieving this goal - not only by introducing future generations to the principles of {PDI} and possible applications of {photoantimicrobials}, but also by helping those who want to be involved in the development and apply {photoantimicrobials} in practice, giving researchers, science communicators, teachers and specialists from diverse disciplines a broader understanding of the necessary concepts, methodologies and approaches that may lie outside their own areas of expertise. Given the inherently interdisciplinary nature of {photoantimicrobial} research, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and mutual learning is essential, as well as to develop tools that will help us transfer this knowledge to others.

With that in mind, Working Group 2 (Education) is excited to launch the ***Inspiring Talks Series***, in the form of webinars that we plan to hold once or twice a month. We are starting the series with ***Inspiring Teaching***, and **we invite members of the COST Action to contribute as speakers**.

We welcome talks covering any aspect of teaching about {photoantimicrobials}, and topics can include, but are not limited to:

- The interdisciplinarity of {photoantimicrobial} research as a didactics challenge;
- Teaching theory ({PDI}, antimicrobial resistance, terminology, etc.);
- Teaching laboratory testing;
- Teaching application;
- Teaching the design and development of new photosensitizers.
- Teaching how to control light (parameters, light sources, etc.)

We are especially interested in how you approached the challenge of interdisciplinarity, as well as which teaching tools, methods, and strategies you find most effective for engaging students, researchers, healthcare professionals, or other audiences.

Each webinar presentation should last about 20-30 minutes and will be moderated by a member of WG2. After the presentation, there will be an open discussion involving all participants. The discussion session may last up to 20 minutes, with the total duration of the event not exceeding 60 minutes. For the presentation, we kindly ask speakers to prepare their presentation using a template, which will be soon provided by WG2.

Please note that both speakers and participants will be asked to consent to the recording of the presentation and the accompanying discussion. The recordings will be available exclusively to members of the COST action via the YouTube channel; however, after the lecture it may be suggested to some speakers that the presentation be professionally recorded and the recording made fully publicly available.

If you would like to contribute as a speaker, please send the following to [nela.malatesti@biotech.uniri.hr](mailto:nela.malatesti@biotech.uniri.hr):

\* A proposed title;

\* A short abstract (150 - 200 words);

\* A photograph that can be included in the webinar announcement.

**Please note that this is an invited lecture opportunity organised by WG2 of the COST Action CA24127. An official confirmation letter of the invitation can be provided to speakers upon request.**

For those who may be interested, there will also be an opportunity to further develop the webinar presentation and/or accompanying discussion into a publication in a selected journal (compilation series), subject to appropriate adaptation and editorial requirements.

This initiative is something we create together. By sharing our experiences, ideas, successes, as well as challenges and lessons learned, we can inspire each other on how to best educate future experts, and thus contribute to the development of {PDI}, supporting technologies, and their applications.

So please do not hesitate to get involved - we would be delighted to hear from you and to showcase the expertise that exists across our network, through the ***Inspiring Teaching*** part of the PanEuCOPT ***Inspiring Talks Series***.

With best wishes,

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