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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Colleagues and Members of the European Proteomic Society (EuPA),

Welcome to the latest edition of the EuPA Newsletter! The July issue highlights several events and foundational steps taken by our community over the past few months.

This issue of the newsletter reflects on the successful 3rd Annual Proteomics Gathering, which allowed researchers to connect and discuss the future of the field. A major theme is the commitment to supporting early-career researchers, highlighting the Young Proteomics Investigators Club (YPIC) through their Student Proteomics Fund and their new publication addressing the structural challenges and opportunities young scientists face in rapid-scale data environments. Finally, the issue delivers key takeaways from the recent General Council meeting, detailing the organizational updates, strategic goals, and initiatives aimed at strengthening the overall network.

Looking ahead, our calendar is packed with prominent international and regional scientific gatherings. Make sure to review our upcoming events section and mark your calendars.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the contributors, authors, and community members whose dedication makes this newsletter possible. We hope you find this issue informative and inspiring.

Best regards,

On behalf of the EuPA Conference and Communication Committee

the Editor of the EuPA Newsletter: Eleni Zografos, and

the Co-Editors of the EuPA Newsletter: Éva Csősz and Fernando Corrales

THE 3RD ANNUAL PROTEOMICS GATHERING: A LOOK BACK – APRIL 16TH, 2026

On April 16th, the third edition of the Annual Proteomics Gathering (APG), organized by The Young Proteomics Investigators Club (YPIC) and sponsored by EuPA and IonOpticks, took place at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Universidad Complutense (Madrid). This increasingly prominent event brought together over 80 researchers from 9 countries (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland).

The event opened with a welcome address by Prof. Concha Gil and Dr. Jorge Peinado, followed by a keynote from Prof. Fernando Corrales (Functional Proteomics Lab, National Biotechnology Centre), who traced the early steps and evolution of proteomics in Spain.

Throughout the event, 20 works were presented across four sessions, covering topics such as the application of proteomics in clinical settings including cardiology, cancer, and psychosis; the study of extracellular vesicles; spatial proteomics; post-translational modifications; the challenges of characterizing the proteome of understudied species; and recent advances in single-cell proteomics.

The event also hosted the final of the Students Proteomics Fund (SPF), YPIC's competition for early-career proteomics researchers seeking external funding to carry out an independent small-scale project. The three shortlisted finalists — Chiara Alesso, Amalia Kontochristou, and the team of Gina Piontek and Ann-Cathrin Groba — each had the opportunity to present their work to the audience. The winning proposal, put forward by Amalia, focused on exploring different fragmentation strategies for the study of glycopeptides.

Once again, the Annual Proteomics Gathering has proven to be a platform for early-stage researchers to share their work, while fostering meaningful interactions between junior scientists and more seasoned professionals in the field. We look forward to seeing the 2027 edition in Ghent, Belgium, receive an equally warm and fruitful reception.



Group photo taken at the end of the event. Members of the YPIC organizing committee can be identified by their yellow t-shirts.



Students Proteomics Fund finalists, pictured alongside a representative from IonOpticks. From left to right: Chiara Alesso, Gina Piontek, Ann-Cathrin Groba and Amalia Kontochristou (SPF winner).

Contribution by: Samuel Lozano Juárez

YPIC'S STUDENT PROTEOMICS FUND

For the second year, YPIC organized their Student Proteomics Fund (SPF), awarding up to €5,000 for a student's project in proteomics. This small grant was started by YPIC with the aim of helping younger researchers fund their own proteomics experiments. We decided to make this fund open to all fields and levels of studies. All students from EuPA member countries are welcome to apply!

This year, we received over 60 applications from 13 different countries across Europe! We received great proposals spanning a wide array of disciplines, from biology and medicine to computational proteomics and archaeology. In an effort to ensure fairness, we chose to anonymize all applications, removing all mentions of names, countries, and institutions before sending them to several reviewers. We were lucky to have the support of many active YPIC members who invested a lot of time in the reviewing and grading process of all the applications.

After a lot of deliberation on the merits of all the fascinating projects we selected the three finalists:

Gina Piontek & Ann-Cathrin Groba, a team from ISAS Dortmund combining expertise in proteomics and bioinformatics to develop drug discovery pipelines.

Chiara Maria Alesso from the Institute of Cancer Research London, with a project to investigate the microproteome and its regulation in disease.

And **Amalia Kontochristou** from VU Amsterdam, with a technical project advancing the possibilities of glycan characterization.

Like last year, the three finalists were invited to YPIC's Annual Proteomics Gathering in Madrid and had the opportunity to present their projects during the meeting and meet the YPIC team.

This year, **Amalia Kontochristou** and her project convinced our jury and received the prize. Congratulations again to her!

Organizing this fund is very rewarding and we are proud to help students bring their project to life. We are very grateful to our generous sponsors for making this possible: IonOpticks, Evosep and the European Proteomics Association.

Do you have an interesting experiment idea you would like to pursue? The SPF will be back next year!



Contribution by: Alexandre Leytens

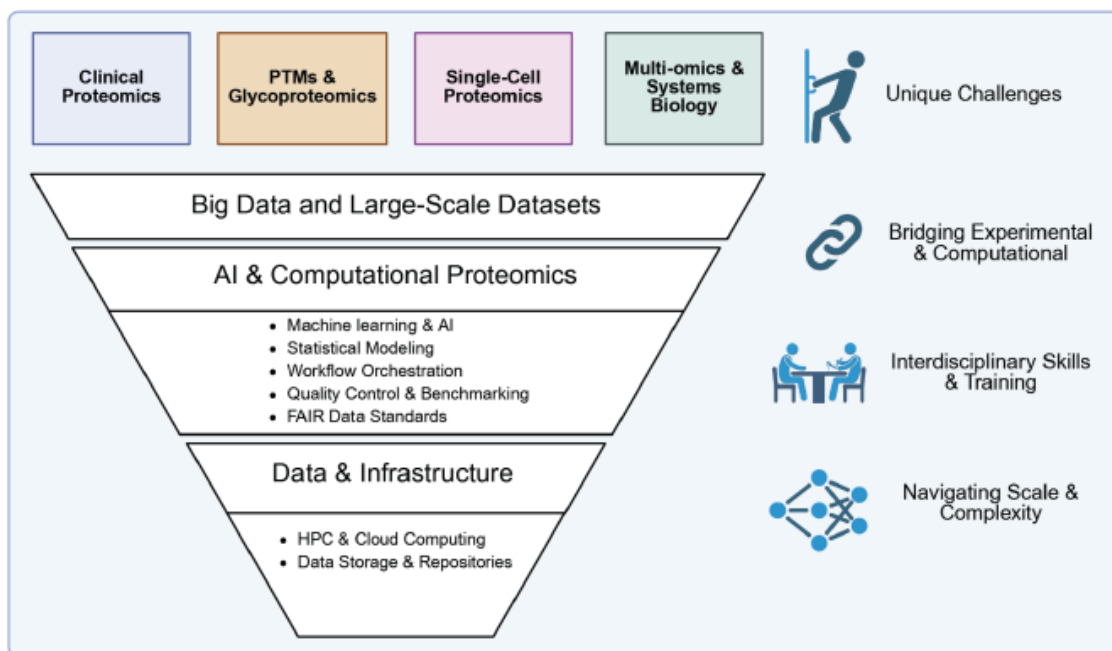
**NEW PUBLICATION FROM YPIC: PROTEOMICS AT SCALE:
BOTTLENECKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY-CAREER
RESEARCHERS IN A FAST-DEVELOPING FIELD**

The publication “**Proteomics at Scale: Bottlenecks and Opportunities for Early-Career Researchers in a Fast-Developing Field**” was published in the Journal of Proteomics and is for free available until August, 12th 2026 with this sharable link: <https://authors.elsevier.com/c/1nJwp6qB-Wwgov>.

In this community-driven perspective, YPIC et al. explore how recent advances in mass spectrometry, automation, and computational analysis are transforming the proteomics landscape. Drawing on trends identified from recent European Proteomics Association (EuPA) conferences and Human Proteome Organization (HUPO) congresses, the authors highlight five rapidly evolving areas that are shaping the field: clinical proteomics, post-translational modification analysis, single-cell proteomics, systems biology and multi-omics integration, and computational proteomics.

The article argues that as proteomics moves toward increasingly large-scale studies and population-sized datasets, the major bottlenecks are shifting from data generation to data analysis, computational infrastructure, standardization, and training. The authors discuss how these changes affect early-career researchers, who are increasingly expected to combine experimental expertise with skills in data science, statistics, and artificial intelligence.

Beyond identifying challenges, the perspective highlights opportunities for community-driven initiatives, collaborative networks, open data practices, and reproducible workflows to support the next generation of proteomics researchers. The authors conclude that continued progress in proteomics will depend not only on technological innovation, but also on investments in education, accessibility, and interdisciplinary collaboration.



Submitted by: Luisa Marie Schmidt

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

On June 18, 2026, there was a General Council meeting with the participation of the presidents and/or representatives representing 18 EuPA-member societies. The EuPA committees presented their work and the programs organized in the past six months.

Please find below some highlights of the meeting:

- EuPA provides Travel Grants for 5 students or ECRs from across Europe to participate on the HUPO 2026 Conference in Singapore. HUPO will provide two additional travel grants. The name of the winners is announced on the EuPA website. Congratulations and see you in Singapore!
- EuPA's LinkedIn profile was upgraded to Premium
- The mandate of the EuPA Executive Committee ends at the end of this year. An election took place and the newly elected members of the EuPA Executive Committee will take their positions starting from January 2027. Klaus Kratochwill (Austria) was elected as EuPA President, Eva Csosz (Hungary) as Vice President, Luisa Schmidt (Denmark) as chair of the Conferences and Communication Committee, Tiziana Alberio (Italy) as chair of the Education Committee, Veit Schwammle (Denmark) as chair of the Funding Committee, Maarten Dhaenens (Belgium) as chair of the Industry Committee, Frank Vandermoere (France) as chair of the Initiatives Committee.
- Besides the already existing European Bioinformatics Community (EuBIC), iMOP, Metaproteomics Initiative, Standardization Initiative, MS-based Histone Epigenetics (MSHE) and Palaeoproteomics and Archaeology, Society for Techniques and Advances (PAASTA), a new EuPA Initiative, the Spatial and Single Cell Proteomics Initiative was presented.

Submitted by: Eva Csosz

UPCOMING EVENTS-MEETINGS

EUPA 2026 PROTEOMIC FORUM, 29 NOV – 3 DEC 2026, WURZBURG, GERMANY

EuPA 2026 will bring together leading experts, young scientists, and technology pioneers from around the world to reshape the landscape of biomedicine, systems biology, and clinical diagnostics with new ideas, perspectives and trajectories in proteomics research. Experience five days of high-class scientific programme and countless opportunities to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and build valuable relationships within the proteomics community.

Do not wait too long: register until **15 July 2026** to benefit from early bird rates and save on your congress fee

Registration here: <https://proteomic-forum.com/registration>



The graphic is a blue rectangular poster for the Proteomic Forum EuPA 2026. At the top left, it says 'Proteomic Forum EuPA 2026' in white, with 'Würzburg 29 Nov - 3 Dec' below it. To the right is a red circle with 'Don't miss it!' in white, next to a blue protein ribbon structure. Below this is a white box with a speaker icon and the text 'CONFIRMED PLENARY SPEAKERS'. Inside this box is a list of names: Kathryn Lilley, Bernhard Küster, Matthias Mann, Jesper Olsen, Bernd Wollscheid, Jennifer van Eyk, Claudia Langenberg, Maria Bueno Alves, Martin Eilers, and Lennart Martens. Below the list is '+ 38 ADDITIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS'. Underneath is a white box with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Explore the scientific programme!'. Below that is a white box with a presentation icon and the text '60 ORAL PRESENTATIONS' and 'Abstract deadline: 10 July 2026'. At the bottom is a white box with a bird icon and the text 'EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION' and 'until 4 August 2026'. On the right edge, there is vertical text: '© 2026 | Stock Adobe'.

Proteomic Forum
EuPA 2026
Würzburg 29 Nov - 3 Dec

Don't miss it!

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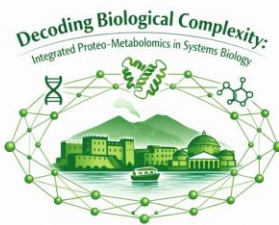
XX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN PROTEOMICS ASSOCIATION (ITPA), 10-11 SEP 2026, NAPLES, ITALY

The registration is now open for the XX Congress of the Italian Proteomics Association (ItPA), organized in collaboration with the Serbian Proteomics Association (SePA) and the Hellenic Proteomics Society (HPS).

Please note that the deadline for early registration and abstract submission is **July 6th, 2026**.

Registration can be completed by filling out the dedicated Google form. The form also includes detailed instructions for both the payment of the registration fee and the submission of abstracts.

For any communication related to the Congress, please use the dedicated email address: itpacongress2026@gmail.com

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HUMAN PROTEOME ORGANIZATION (HUPO), 27 SEP – 01 OCT 2026,
SINGAPORE

The **Human Proteome Organization (HUPO)** is thrilled to invite the global scientific community to the vibrant city of Singapore for the HUPO 2026 World Congress, taking place from September 27 to October 1, 2026.

This year, the Congress embraces the timely theme, “Proteomics Plus: Transforming Lives,” exploring how proteomics is shaping the future of health and medicine in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago.

Proteomics is no longer just a field of study; it has become a true catalyst for change. From cutting-edge breakthroughs to real-world solutions, the impact of this science is undeniable. Attendees will come together to celebrate how the field is transforming lives—whether by advancing medical treatments or uncovering new ways to understand health on a global scale.

HUPO 2026 offers a premier opportunity to witness how the science is evolving and, most importantly, how it is making a tangible difference in human lives worldwide.



INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF MASS SPECTROMETRY, 11-13 DEC 2026, RIMINI, ITALY

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