



European Association for Professions
in Biomedical Science

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Austria: Laura

I came here because there was a sort of Lotterie for students on who gets to go to Helsinki and represent Austria in the student forum. I got lucky and was drawn but at the same time I really didn't know what to expect.

I was looking forward to the experience and to get to know students from other countries and working with them on a small but in the end very enriching Project. The result of the project as well as the cooperation with students from different backgrounds at the student forum was better than i could ever have imagined.

I am very grateful for this experience and it motivated and strengthened my Ambition in actively playing a Part in a digital future in Biomedical Science



Belgium: Kaat

I was asked to participate on the EPBS Student Forum by de Belgian Association and my college Howest Brugge.

I was very honoured and of course I wanted to go! Although I left Belgium with little to no expectations, because I have never done something like that. As soon as I got here, I was very excited to get started.

The two days of the forum were very intense, interesting but most of all very fun! I really enjoyed the two days working on the presentation, sharing ideas and collecting input, to eventually present our findings to the whole GGB!

I am also very, very grateful that I got this opportunity! I think it has opened doors I didn't know existed. I will look back on this experience with gratitude, pride and most of all happiness.



Denmark: Shangary

I was chosen to go within the national student association. I was so honoured and excited to meet other BMS students from other countries.

The Student Forum has exited far beyond my expectations. I have never meet other students who has passionate about the profession as me. I don't feel alone anymore. In just a couple of hours I boned with everybody. And looking at how the educational systems are in other countries, i feel inspired to go back to Denmark at try to make it better. Now I have the confidents to go back to my country and demand change. I am so thankful to EPBS and Sophia for making this opportunity, I am so grateful!

** I don't remember the last when I laughed so much as I have with the other students



Iceland: El

The experience was amazing. It was so nice to meet like minded students in the same field as me, with a passion for the field.

My year received an email from our professor in histology asking us if anyone would like to go. Thinking that the topic was very interesting I decided to ask if I could go

Public speaking has never been my strong side, so speaking for a room full of European delegates for BMS and receiving a standing ovation for the passion in our project is something I will never forget. In addition, seeing how passionate the delegates are for our profession is something I will bring with me to my work back home.

**Surveillance of MRSA isolates from an Irish hospital:
interpreting genotyping data, including spa typing data**
Nicola Blake, Julie Twomey, Dolores Crowley, Dr. Helen O'Shea
MSc in Biomedical Science, MTU

Ireland: Nicola

One of my classmates and I were selected by our university on the basis of our final year bachelor's dissertation results. We then represented our university at a presentation competition in our national Academy for Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine. As a result, my project was then selected as Ireland's representative at the EPBS Martin Nicholson Prize, and that is how I became involved in the Student Forum.

My experience of the Student Forum has been fantastic. It has been such an encouraging experience to meet 9 other students across Europe who are so enthusiastic and interested in our future as Biomedical Scientists. I know I will go home full of ideas for what our profession can achieve in my country.

From discussing with the other students the strengths and areas of development in our countries, it has been really interesting to see what is possible and what my country already does well. I also think I have learned how mentorship and menteeship is something which I think will really benefit me in my work as Scientist and as a student. And personally it excites me now to have met such brilliant, interesting people all across Europe with such passion for our profession. Having just completed my studies I think this has been exactly what I needed to spur me on with new enthusiasm for what's possible.



Norway: Martine and Vilde

We were asked to participate on the EPBS Student Forum in Helsinki by NITO (The Norwegian Society of Engineers and Technologists).

We left Norway with some expectations, because we were a part of the student forum at the IFBLS congress in Copenhagen 2021 and Martine was also at the EPBS digital congress in Spain 2021. We were excited to also get the opportunity to go to Finland, to meet new students and to get new experiences.

These two days have been very enlightening and eventful, but also very intense. It was really educative to share and learn for each other. We felt lucky to have the opportunity to share our thoughts and findings to the whole GGB!

It is an amazing experience and we recommend everyone who have the chance to take part in this!



Portugal: Flávia and Ibrahim

It was an experience of a lifetime, for two days we discussed and exposed the different student and work realities in each country, and were able to find a common goal of where the European education in biomedical science should go towards.

We are member of the Biotrick project and also we were asked by the student forum of EPBS by the Portuguese Delegation of EPBS and the Portuguese Syndicate of health superior technicians to participate on the student forum. We came to this forum looking to learn and discuss new ways to improve education in Biomedical Science and we were delighted and very grateful for being able to have this experience with other biomedical science students from other countries and to present our student reality in Portugal and to learn other country's realities.

From this experience we take the importance of being aware of scientific evolution and that we can always have a new perspective that leads us to want to evolve and become better in what we do in biomedical science. We would like to thank our new friends that worked really hard with us during these days, EPBS for promoting and creating this opportunities for us Students to be able to have a voice in our Education and Sophia for being an amazing Student Facilitor and guide us through this Forum.



Sweden: Mahar

It is an incredible chance to learn more about our profession and what is the similarities and differences between the different European countries that send a student to this forum. It was a very good experience for me, I learned much and the theme was interesting. We had several perspectives from the different countries. It was also interesting to listen to the Digital Cell Morphology and Digital Pathology because there is a lot to learn from these lectures.

I am here because I think it is an important opportunity that I should not miss. I am really interested to learn more about how the other countries are doing and how they educate the students. I want also to have effect on my education in the future, because we in Sweden have still room to improve. It is important that BMS students will have a better understanding of our opportunities in a more digital future.

It take with me that we will not be replaced by robots. In more digital future we will have more automatization but we will still need a human that can confirm the final assessment and also control the quality of the analysis. We need to find a way to take the automatization as a help for us to keep going and improving the way how we work.



Thanks for this year!

