



# NEURODIAB

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***The golden thread***

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# Young Investigators ' Award

*The history*

Göran Sundkvist • Sweden  
(1944-15.9.2006)



Angelika Bierhaus • Germany  
(9.2.1962-15.4.2012)



In 2007, under David Tomlinson's suggestion, the ExCommittee named a prize lecture after Göran Sundkvist to maintain and honour his memory.

In 2012, the Neurodiab ExCommittee decided to name the Young Investigators' Award for pre-clinical science after Angelika Bierhaus.

# Winners of Young Investigators' Award

<b>Clinical Science</b> (named after Göran Sundkvist in 2007)		
1999	<b>Geert Jan Biessels</b>	The Netherlands
	<b>Rayaz A. Malik</b>	UK
2002	<b>Oliver Schnell</b>	Germany
	<b>Boris Mankovsky</b>	Ukraine
2004	<b>Tamás T. Várkonyi</b>	Hungary
2005	<b>Satyan Man Rajbhandar</b>	UK
2006	<b>Sanne Manschot</b>	The Netherlands
2007	<b>Caroline Ann Abbott</b>	UK
2008	<b>Ineke Brand</b>	The Netherlands
2011	<b>Mitra Tavakoli</b>	UK
	<b>Cristian Quattrini</b>	UK, Italy
2012	<b>Dinesh Selvarajah</b>	UK
2014	<b>Zsuzsanna Putz</b>	Hungary
2015	<b>Ioannis N. Petropoulos</b>	UK, Qatar
2016	<b>Sanjeev Sharma</b>	UK
2017	<b>Fabiana Picconi</b>	Italy
	<b>Anna Korei</b>	Hungary

<b>Preclinical Science</b> (named after Angelika Bierhaus in 2012)		
2003	<b>Nigel Calcutt</b>	US
2007	<b>Sally Amanda Price</b>	UK
2009	<b>Andrea Vincent</b>	US
2012	<b>Natalie Gardiner</b>	UK



# 3 reasons to apply

1. opportunity for the Winner
2. opportunity for the Mentor
3. opportunity for Neurodiab

# Gallery of Winners: the first winners

## Young Investigators' Award for Clinical Science

Maastricht, The Netherlands 1999

**Geert Jan Biessels**, Utrecht, The Netherlands

*"Neurological complications of diabetes: focus on the brain"*

**Rayaz A. Malik**, Manchester, UK

*"Clinico-pathological studies in diabetic neuropathy: clues to pathogenesis"*



Geert Jan Biessels, Ystad 2006

## Young Investigators Award' for Preclinical Science

Saint Malo, France 2003

**Nigel Calcutt**, California, US

*"Identifying therapeutics for diabetic sensory neuropathy"*



Nigel Calcutt, Sopron 2014



Rayaz Malik, Barcellona 2013

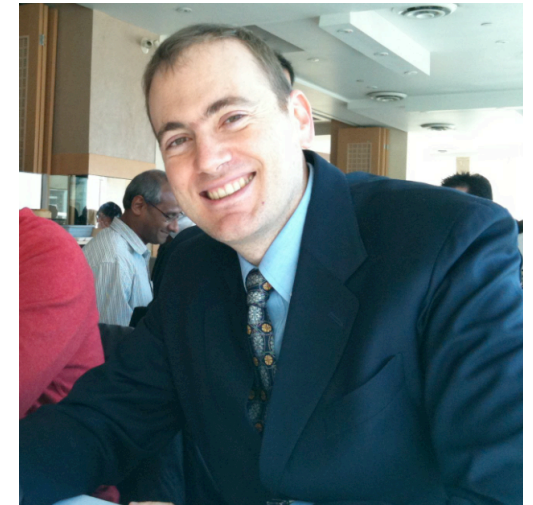
# Gallery of Winners: ... and some others



Andrea Vincent, Toronto 2009



Mitra Tavakoli and Cristian Quattrini, Porto 2011



Dinesh Selvarajah, Dresden 2012



Zsuzsanna Putz, Sopron 2014



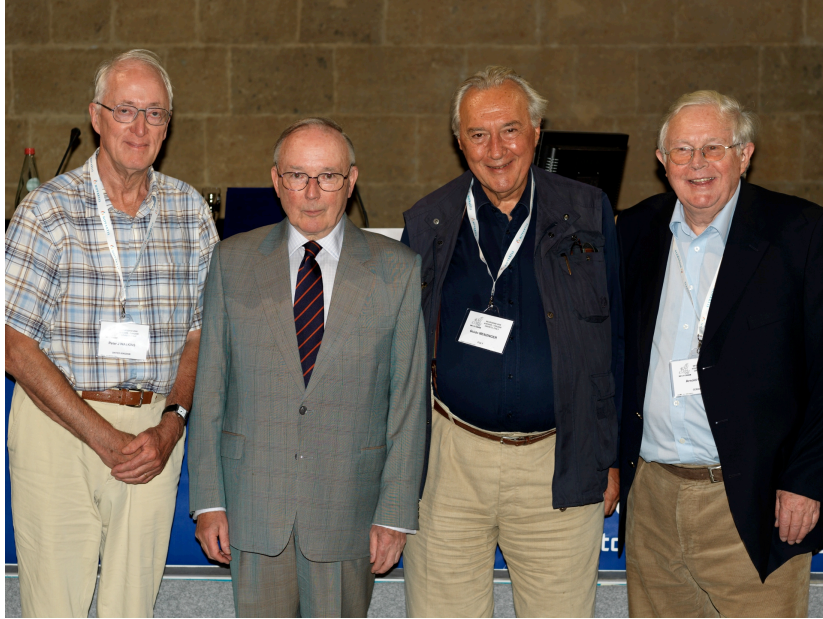
Anna Körei, Coimbra 2017

YIA is an opportunity for the Winner

*... and brings good luck*



# The Mentors



Peter Watkins, John Ward, Guido Menzinger, and Arnold Gries, Orvieto 2008



Peter J Dyck, Solomon Tesfaye, Vera Bril, and Doug Zochodne, Toronto 2009



Eva Feldman and Janik Hilsted, Orvieto 2008



Simona Frontoni and Henning Andersen, Sopron 2014



# The Mentors



Solomon Tesfaye and Rayaz Malik  
with their families, Orvieto 2008



Eva and Peter Kempler,  
Orvieto 2008



Carla and Geert Jan  
Biessels, Sheffield 2008

YIA is an opportunity for the Mentors

*... successful youth are the best reward*

Diabetic Neuropathy Study Group of EASD - Neurodiab

**1965-2015 • 1991-2015**  
50 years of the EASD • 25 years of Neurodiab

# ENDURING FRIENDSHIP A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

*Curator Vincenza Spallone*

## **Neurodiab's 25-year history: achievements**

Production and promotion of research in the field of diabetic neuropathy

- creation of a vibrant network,
- fruitful exchange between different specialties,
- fitting context to discuss innovative and preliminary results
- forum for debate
- **educational and financial support for young people**



YIA is an opportunity for Neurodiab

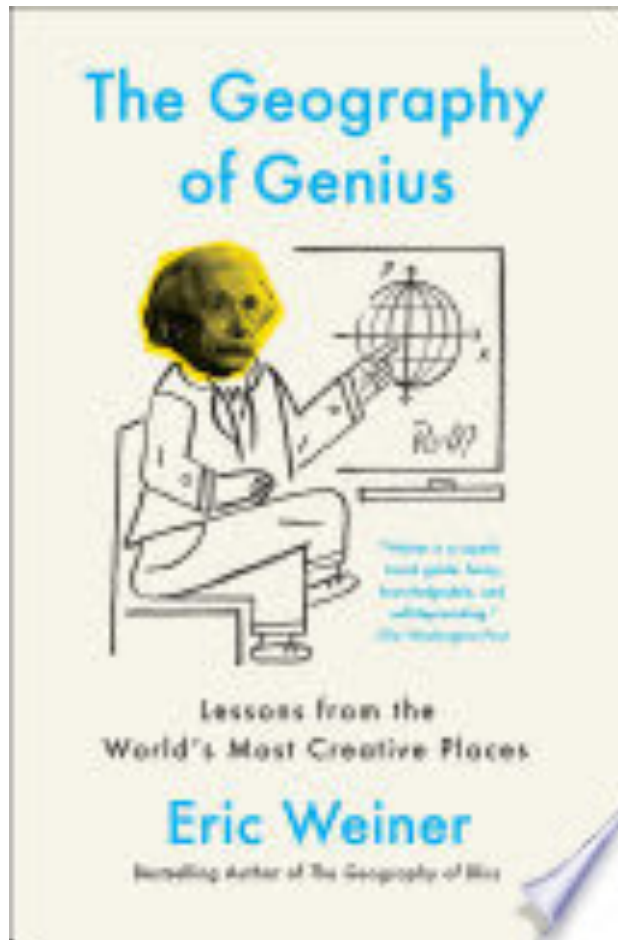
*... allows it to achieve its mission*



**Raffaello Sanzio (1511), The School of Athens, Vatican Museums**



# The World's Most Creative Places



## **Genius Cluster Cities**

- Athens
- Hangzhou
- Florence
- Edinburgh
- Calcutta
- Vienna
- Silicon Valley



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# ENDURING FRIENDSHIP A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

Curator Vincenza Spallone

The tremendous focus on both basic and clinical aspects of diabetic neuropathy was something I had never experienced and it was fantastic.

*Rick T. Dobrowsky*

A very successful and joyful organization that has always felt more like a family than anything else.

*Mary Cotter*

It has been an inspirational, educational and motivating event that I look forward to every year.

*Mitra Tavakoli*

These friendships with people devoted to the same career interest have encouraged me to remain committed to pursuing better neuropathy outcomes for our patients with diabetes.

*Vera Brill*

Neurodiab feels like a family and attending the meetings like home coming.

*Rodica Pop Busui*

The Neurodiab is a rare and magically unique enterprise, full of expertise and personality, something for us as a research and clinical community to be extremely proud of.

*Bruce Perkins*

Neurodiab has had a major impact in shaping my career. It has had a major impact on my life as a whole.

*Solomon Tesfaye*

In Neurodiab's 25th year the atmosphere of friendly cooperation, integrity and dedication to our basic and clinical scientific goals, which we worked for at its founding, is unchanged.

*Guido Menzinger*

*“a rare and magic enterprise”*

*“a research **community**”*

*“a family”*

*“an inspirational, educational and motivating event”*

*“a friendly cooperation and dedication to scientific goals”*

*Neurodiab as a high-level researcher cluster city*



## Prizes

Every year, during the Annual Meeting, the following prizes will be awarded:

- *the **Goran Sundkvist prize** in clinical research and*
- *the **Angelika Bierhaus prize** in basic research*

The main criteria are:

- **nominated** by a NEURODIAB member,
- age **younger than 35** years,
- substantial contribution and research **achievements in basic science or clinical** trials in the field of **diabetic neuropathy**, and
- **participation at the NEURODIAB meetings.**

Each prize consists of 800 euros.

The selection will be done by the members of the Executive Committee and will be announced during the Annual Meeting of Neurodiab EASD.

**Please, send proposals and CVs to [d.selvarajah@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:d.selvarajah@sheffield.ac.uk).**



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- the **Goran Sundkvist prize** in clinical research
- the **Angelika Bierhaus prize** in basic research

The main criteria are:

- **nominated** by a member of the Diabetic Neuropathy Study Group
- **age** younger than 40 years
- **substantial** contribution to the field of **diabetes** research, either in the form of a **review or clinical** trials in the field of **diabetes**
- **participation** in the Diabetic Neuropathy Study Group

Each prize consists of:

The selection will be made by the Diabetic Neuropathy Study Group of the Executive Committee and will be announced during the Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD).

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**Apply**