Dear student,

Are you conducting (bio)medical research and are you interested in presenting your work on an international platform? Or are you simply interested in learning about the latest (bio)medical research?

The International Student Congress Of (bio)Medical Sciences (ISCOMS) is the world’s leading student congress in the field of (bio)medical sciences. ISCOMS is Europe’s largest biomedical student congress and attracts more participants each year.

This year, the 28th edition will take place **from the 8th until the 10th of June 2021.**

Students can visit the congress both as presenting and non-presenting participant. ISCOMS offers a scientific programme with a pre-course on mastering your research and congress days in which student presentation sessions (plenary, oral, and poster), interactive workshops, a patient lecture and a surgical operation will take place. Furthermore, during the congress you can attend keynote lectures including Nobel prize winner 2019, **Prof. Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe**, as well as **Prof. Marion Koopmans DVM PhD** and **Prof. Jaap Seidell PhD**.

During ISCOMS, students can explore PhD opportunities at the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) with our ISCOMS Research Fellowships (IRF). The IRF is a challenging two week programme, in which students may actively participate in research at one of the UMCG’s Research Institutes and gather a great deal of knowledge related to the topic of research. As a student, you get the chance to perform research at a leading institute, meet top-researchers, and learn about the possibilities of doing a PhD-programme in the Netherlands. Many foreign students were able to start a PhD-programme in the UMCG due to the IRF. The IRFs are available for presenting participants exclusively.

As we live in uncertain times with regards to the COVID-19 crisis, we will make sure that ISCOMS 2021 will take place digitally. Furthermore, we remain hopeful that we are able to host ISCOMS 2021 in Groningen within the confines of the COVID-19 measurements. Thus, irrespective of the COVID-19 situation, ISCOMS 2021 will take place!

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Are you interested in presenting your research at ISCOMS? Send in your abstract. The abstract submission is open now until the 31st of January 2021. Each student is allowed to submit up to 2 abstracts. Abstracts can be submitted on our website [www.iscoms.com](http://www.iscoms.com).

For more information, please visit [our website](http://www.iscoms.com) and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at iscoms@umcg.nl

Kind regards,

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