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## Recruitment event of IT-DED<sup>3</sup>

Laboratory of Microbiology,  
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***ESR 3***

## Staff

### Prof. Paul Cos

- Pharmacist (1995), PhD in Pharm. Sciences (2001)
- Chairman of the educational committee of Pharm. Sciences
- Director of training in the ETN 'Print-Aid'
- Output: 19 defended PhDs; PI of 40 research grants; 185 papers



ZAP	4
Post-doc	3
PhD	15
ATP	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>





## The lab LMPH

### Location

- Antwerp (Wilrijk), Belgium
- Building S 7<sup>th</sup> floor







## The lab LMPH

### Infrastructure

- Animal facility (IVC cages, operating theater, ...)
- 15 LAF cabinets
- Fluorescence microscopy
- Real-time PCR
- EPR equipment





## The lab LMPH

### Activities

- New therapies for topical and lung infections
- Macrophage and intracellular pathogens
- Oxidative stress and inflammation
- Development of new animal models



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Research article

Optimization and validation of an existing, surgical and robust dry eye rat model for the evaluation of therapeutic compounds



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## ESR3 project description

### ACTIVITIES

- Develop a new rat model for evaporative dry eye
- Evaluate selected compounds in two animal models
- Bioactivity *in vitro* screening of a selection of compounds (antioxidant and anti-inflammatory)

### RESULTS

- Optimized animal model for evaporative dry eye
- *In vivo* proof of concept and selection of preclinical candidates



## Planned secondments

**ACADEMIC (UHC, University Hospital of Cologne): M9-M11**

- Study desiccating stress dry eye mouse model and compare with UA2 rat models

**INDUSTRIAL (BET): M24-M26**

- Bioactivity screening of compounds (anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant activity) with chemical and cell-based assays



## Antwerp Doctoral School

### A. Research skills and techniques

- Access : basis
- Excel: Data-analyses, Simulations and Statistic functions
- Excel : Database Management and PivotTables
- Excel: intermediate tips and tricks
- E-sources for the exact sciences
- E-sources for the (bio)medical sciences
- E-sources for the social sciences and humanities
- E-sources for Law

### B. Adapting to research environment

### C. Research management

- Word Long documents
- Project management

### D. Personal effectiveness

- Achieving your goals and performing more successfully in your PhD
- Personal Effectiveness

### E. Communication skills

- Applied Communication Skills
- Writing Academic Papers in English
- Giving Presentations in English
- Communicating Effectively in an Academic Context
- PowerPoint
- Effective written documents
- Analytic Storytelling (NEW!)

Individual writing coaching (Linguapolis)

### F. Networking and teamworking

- Leadership and teamwork

### G. Career management

- Dive Into Business
- Grow your future career (NEW!)





**Thanks for your attention**  
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