



Special Track Session 13

Women Empowerment Initiative + Young Professionals Council

Wednesday, October 8, 08:00 – 09:30

Session Title

Challenge the Expert: Current Challenges in Career and in Leadership for the Future Generations

Moderators

Elisabeth Eppard (Magdeburg, Germany)

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Expert

Samia Massalha (Haifa, Israel): Building Resilient Careers When Intelligence Isn't Just Human

Tim Van den Wyngaert (Antwerp, Belgium): Voices, Visions, and the Next-Gen Leaders in Nuclear Medicine

Challengers: NextGen Leaders

Paula Soeiro (Porto, Portugal)

Oleksandra V. Ivashchenko (Groningen, Netherlands)

Marta Coelho (Essen, Germany)

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Marc Calls Calahorro (Barcelona, Spain)

Educational Objectives

1. To support transition to specialist roles by addressing work-life balance and gender-specific challenges
2. Raise awareness of systemic barriers like the glass ceiling and promote equity in academic careers
3. Empower young professionals to overcome research, innovation, and international career challenges.

Summary

This dynamic and interactive session brings together established experts and emerging voices to explore the evolving landscape of career development and leadership in nuclear medicine. Designed as a dialogue between senior leaders and rising stars, it fosters cross-generational exchange on professional growth, equity, and innovation.

The challenger team features a balanced mix of male and female professionals from across Europe, including nuclear medicine physicians, medical physicists, technologists, and researchers. This diverse, multidisciplinary group represents the next generation of leadership and innovation in the field, bringing forward a broad range of perspectives rooted in their unique career paths and national contexts.



Key Words

Career development; Leadership in nuclear medicine; Gender equity; Work-life balance; Young professionals; Women in science; Diversity in healthcare; Interdisciplinary collaboration; Medical physics; Nuclear medicine technologists; Early-career researchers; Mentorship; Glass ceiling; Innovation in healthcare; International careers; Future leaders; Professional challenges; Empowerment; AI in medical careers; Next generation leadership