



OPEN 2016 – Satellite event to EMRS Fall Meeting 2016

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What is OPEN?

OPEN, Organic Photovoltaics and Electronics Network, was born as an initiative of the fellows in the FP7 ESTABLIS project, an initial training network (ITN) comprising scientific institutions across Europe working to “Ensure the Stability of Organic Solar Cells”. OPEN was created with the aim of expanding this network beyond the limits of the ESTABLIS project and the specific field of organic solar cells, thus bringing up together young researchers working on Organic Photovoltaics and Electronics.

In addition to the clear value associated to the mere existence of this **scientific network across Europe**, OPEN appears as a tool to help young researchers with their **career development**. In fact, the second main goal of this organisation is to complement the scientific training of our network members, providing them with the information and training they need to pursue different career pathways after their PhDs or Postdocs.

To this end, we organise **annual meetings** where networking activities are complemented with first-class lectures and workshops, led by researchers that have followed different career pathways and career development professionals that can help us to identify the key factors determining our job opportunities.

Furthermore, our website www.open-organic.com serves as exchange platform for OPEN members, sharing job offers, experiences, and collaboration opportunities.

OPEN at a glance

- ✓ OPEN is a **network** of PhDs and Postdocs working in Organic Photovoltaics and Electronics
- ✓ We aim to increase our **contacts** in Europe and improve our **career** prospects
- ✓ We organise **annual meetings** to improve our complementary skills, meet researchers in our field and discover new career possibilities



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After the great success of OPEN 2015, held in Corsica (France), we are glad to announce that our next networking event is being held as a satellite event to EMRS Fall Meeting 2016, as a parallel session on the 22nd September 2016.

OPEN 2016 welcomes EMRS participants who are at early stage in their research careers (PhD students and Postdocs) and want to improve their career prospects. The meeting will combine networking and career development activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and with the participation of renowned invited speakers.

It is our wish that the participants to our meeting are able to meet each other and establish new contacts; thus, **we limit the number of participants to 40**. The places will be assigned on the basis first come, first served. Registration will be possible by completing an online form which will be made available at the EMRS conference website. Further details on the program and invited speakers will be available soon at our webpage www.open-organic.com

"I very much enjoyed OPEN 2015. There are many aspects needed for our development as researchers that a scientific conference rarely covers, and I think OPEN did. The fact that it was carried out together with a conference made the ensemble very complete and complementary"

OUR
PARTICIPANTS'
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"It was definitely a great and motivating experience. Getting in touch with so many young researchers which are working in the same field and are more or less in the same stage in life, and the presence of invited speakers from different (work) fields, definitely helped to reflect upon your own way and future. Keeping in touch with those people will probably help your career development"

"All the talks were interesting and brought a lot of important questions I never thought about before. Nevertheless, the talk of Richards Brigis about the recruitment in the industry was the one I like the most. Richards showed us the strategy of the hiring in the industrial sector and shared with us all the 'secrets' of a successful interview. I found it very useful. Even if you don't consider yourself working in this sector, it's necessary to understand the interview step as it's the first move to the success in your carrier"



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