



**Dr Marina Resmini was invited to give a presentation and talk about her Marie Curie Career and the European Commission funded research projects at the 3rd European Innovation Summit conference which took place in the European Parliament in Brussels.**

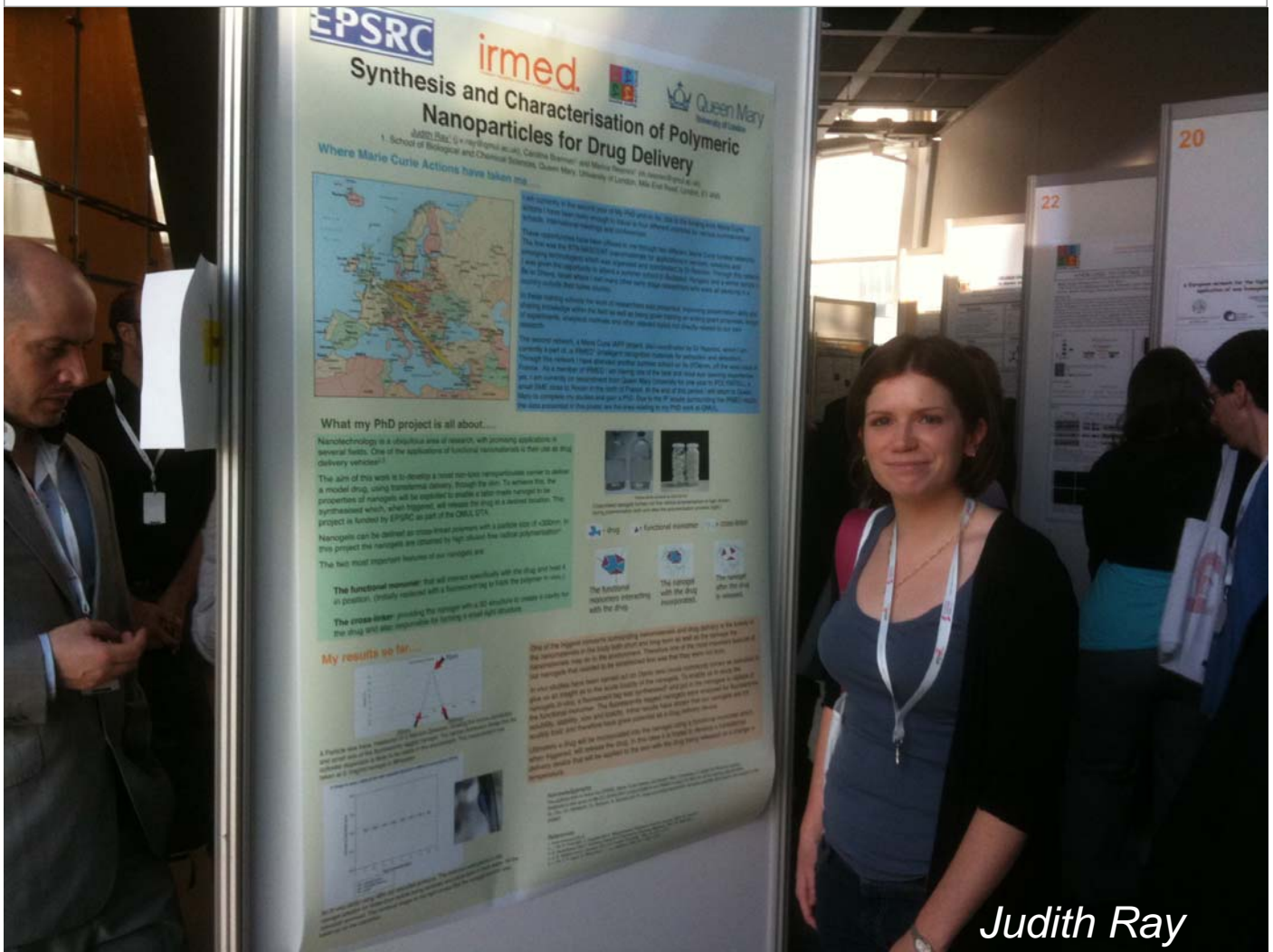
This year's Summit was organized for the third time in partnership with the EU Presidency, the European Commission and the European Parliament. The Summit conferences provided a unique opportunity to present and debate the key topics along the innovation value chain from education to internationalization of companies. The focus of the Brussels event was on the need for talent, the role of business and transatlantic innovation

cooperation. The summit ended with a fresh discussion on the future of innovation in Europe and lunch debates on wireless communications and EU-Russia innovation cooperation.

The speakers' presentations and discussions addressed most of the important aspects related to the complex issue of innovation thus providing a wealth of knowledge to be further exploited.

Dr Resmini spoke in the session titled "Europe's Future Nobel Prize Winners" which was attended by over 30 students aged 16-18 from the local "European School" all interested in studying chemistry. It was a wonderful opportunity for a good Q & A session not only with the students but also with the teachers.





Judith Ray

**At 5am on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> September I started my trip to Poland for the Marie Curie Conference held as it was the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marie Curie actions.** While I flew in from Paris, Paolo flew in from London and we met at our hotel in the centre of Warsaw. During our short visit we were given very inspirational talks by many important individuals connected to the Marie Curie fund and Poland itself. These talks reinforced the motto of the conference Passion, Mission and Responsibilities.

We were also given some moving presentations by past and present Marie Curie funded fellows whose lives had benefited in many ways by being awarded the fellowships. One



Dr Paolo Bonomi





incredible story was given by Tomasz Tasiemski who was a keen and talented skier until he had a fall which left him with a Spinal cord injury (SCI) and permanently wheel chair bound. It was this event which inspired him to do research, which

thusiasm about her country and showed us how the Poles had rebuilt their city after it was destroyed in World War II, and how the city has developed and risen particularly in the last decade or so. What struck me was her passion and her pride in her country.

On the Monday evening we were given the opportunity to explore the Copernicus Science Centre where they had so many hands on scientific games and activities for children to do it was brilliant, there wasn't an adult there that wasn't having a fantastic time! The centre was absolutely fantastic and would inspire any child to peruse a career in science, every country should have one! As you can see Paolo enjoyed a brief nap lying on a bed of nails! This

was funded by Marie curie actions, into the life of people post a SCI. In his research he has discovered how sports vitally improve SCI sufferers' lives not just physically but mentally and financially too. He has undertaken his research thought the world including third world countries and really makes a difference to people's lives. The entire audience was captivated and moved by his talk and he is still a keen sportsman himself, showing a picture of him in his wheelchair on skis at the end of his presentation! We also saw the importance of out reach projects and the benefits it has both to the researcher sharing their passion and the benefits to next generation who can be motivated to continue in a scientific career.



conference was extremely well organised and was truly inspirational to all the young researchers there, I know everyone left with great passion for science and really saw the collective difference we do and can make by working in science.

During the conference a sight seeing tour of Warsaw was laid on, along with a piano concert of Fryderyk Chopin's works, both of which were very interesting. The tour guide was very en-

I left Warsaw on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm with a great appreciation for the opportunities I have been given through Marie curie actions and Dr Resmini's networks and with a want to share these possibilities with the next generation and to show them the fantastic opportunities that could be given to them if they just open their mind to them.



*Judith Ray*

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## Events

### Network Events



jan **12** **2nd IRMED Workhops**  
**Project Progression**  
POLYINTELL, France

23 apr **12** **IRMED Mid-Term Review Meeting**  
and 2nd International Meeting  
Paris, France

25-27 jun **12** **2nd IRMED Summer Training School**  
Queen Mary, University of London



19-20 apr **12** **Nanomedicine: Visions, Risks, Potential**  
Berlin, Germany  
<http://www.ea-aw.org/>

14-18 mai **12** European Materials Research Society  
**E-MRS 2012 SPRING MEETING**  
Congress Center - Strasbourg, France  
<http://www.emrs-strasbourg.com/index.php>

**other forthcoming  
conferences**

15-17 jul **12** **Colloids and Nanomedicine 2012**  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
<http://www.colloidsandnanomedicine.com/index.html>

27-30 aug **12** **Molecularly Imprinted Polymers -  
Science and Technology  
MIP 2012**  
Paris, France  
<http://www.mip2012.com/>



# Happy New Year

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