

1st Dick Heinegård European Young Investigator Award

**1st Matrix Biology Europe (MBE)/ XXIVth FECTS conference
21 - 24 June 2014, Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

The SFBMEc council requests applications from current SFBMEc members to become the SFBMEc nomination for the 1st Dick Heinegård European Young Investigator Award. Candidates for this award should have no more than 5 years postdoctoral research experience as of 1st October 2013 and a demonstrable track record of excellence in matrix biology research. Candidates should apply by sending their CV and an abstract of the work to be presented at the MBE/FECTS 2014 conference, combined in a **single .pdf file**, to Franck CARREIRAS (franck.carreiras@u-cergy.fr) by **November, 25th 2013**.

The winner of the SFBMEc nomination will receive a full SFBMEc bursary to cover all reasonable expenses associated with attending the MBE/FECTS 2014 conference (<http://www.mbe2014.eu/>).

The competition will be run as follows. In stage one of the competition, each MBE/FECTS affiliated National Matrix Biology Society will select its own nominee for the award. In stage 2, The Young Investigator Awards Committee of MBE/FECTS will select the 6 strongest nominations for presentation during the Young Investigator Award Session of the MBE/FECTS conference 2014 in Rotterdam. In stage 3, immediately following the Young Investigator Award Session, the MBE/FECTS Awards Committee will meet and decide on The Dick Heinegård European Young Investigator awardee, based on the overall quality of the science track record and the oral presentation. The awardee will receive a certificate and a cheque (~ 1000 euros) at the closing ceremony of the conference.

Full details of the competition will be posted on the MBE/FECTS conference website (<http://www.mbe2014.eu/>) where further details for the conference can also be found.