

2026 G-CAN Award Recipients

G-CAN Gold Medal Award



Lisa Stamp, MBChB, FRACP, PhD, DipMus, FRSNZ

University of Otago Christchurch

Health New Zealand, Waitaha Canterbury

Christchurch New Zealand

Lisa Stamp is a rheumatologist and Professor of Medicine at the University of Otago, Christchurch, and Health New Zealand, Waitaha Canterbury. She has been an active member of G-CAN since inception, taking leadership roles in multiple key G-CAN initiatives, including the G-CAN White Paper on gout and hyperuricemia management in CKD. In 2024, she was appointed to the G-CAN Advisory Board. The 2026 award recognizes Dr. Stamp's driving role in landmark and prolific published research in the field, her commitment and achievements in mentoring, and her remarkable involvement and service to G-CAN in the relatively short and continuously evolving history of the Society.

H. Ralph Schumacher Memorial Early Career Investigator Research Award



Iris Rose Peeters, MD

Rheumatology Resident, PhD candidate

Sint Maartenskliniek

Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Iris Rose Peeters is a fifth-year rheumatology resident at Radboud University Medical Center and a PhD candidate at Sint Maartenskliniek in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. She is currently in the final stages of her PhD and expects to defend her thesis in 2027. Her PhD research focuses on gout during the remission phase, with particular interest in long-term urate-lowering therapy (ULT) strategies, cardiovascular disease in relation to ULT, and patients' perspectives on gout treatment. As part of her PhD, she worked on the GO TEST Finale study, a randomized trial comparing a treat-to-target ULT continuation strategy with a ULT discontinuation attempt strategy in gout patients in remission.

Junior Faculty Investigator Prize



Edoardo Cipolletta, MD, PhD

Clinica Reumatologica - Dipartimento di Scienze Cliniche

e Molecolari, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Jesi (Ancona), Italy

Academic Rheumatology, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK

Dr. Cipolletta is a clinical research fellow at the Marche Polytechnic University of (Italy), Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist at "Carlo Urbani" Hospital (Italy), and an associate research fellow at the Academic Rheumatology of the University of Nottingham (UK). After completing his medical training at the Marche Polytechnic University and his residency training at "Carlo Urbani" Hospital, he received a PhD on the diagnosis and prognosis of flares in crystal arthritis in 2025. Apart from crystal arthritis, his other research interests include the epidemiology of rheumatic diseases, ultrasonography in musculoskeletal diseases, and the development of clinical prognostic models.

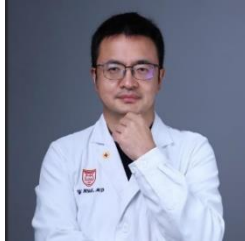
G-CAN Presidential Emerging Career Investigator Awards



Haibing Chen, MD, PhD

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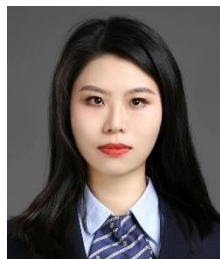
Dr. Haibing Chen is an endocrinologist in the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Shanghai Tenth People's Hospital, Tongji University School of Medicine. She has established a dedicated cohort of 5,000 patients with hyperuricemia and gout. Her research focuses on microbiome profiling in hyperuricemia, the pathogenesis of gout, and comprehensive management of patients with gout.



Yinghui Hua, MD, PhD

*Chief Surgeon, Professor, Doctoral Supervisor
Director, Department of Sports Medicine, Huashan Hospital, Fudan University
Director, Shanghai Sports Medicine Quality Control Center*

Dr. Yinghui Hua is a surgeon specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of joint diseases and sports injuries. Selected into the list of the top 2% of top scientists in the world in 2025, Dr. Hua has received many awards and honors including the Second Prize of National Science and Technology Progress Award, the Second Session of "National Famous Doctor," and was ranked first in the world in the research field of "lateral ankle ligament" from 2011 to 2021. He has published than more 100 SCI papers in the field and is the Chief Editor of the column of *Frontiers in Sports and Active Living*, Associate Editor of *AP-SMART*, and editorial board member of many journals including *AJSM*, *OJSM*, *Sports Health (Am)*, *Burns & Trauma*, *Chinese Medical Journal*, and *Chinese Journal of Traumatic Surgery*.



Jie Lu, MD

*Doctoral Supervisor
Associate Professor at Qingdao University
Qingdao, China*

Dr. Lu is a Distinguished Associate Professor at Qingdao University, Taishan Scholar of Shandong Province, Shandong Provincial Excellent Young Scientist and an Administrative Deputy Director at the Shandong Provincial Clinical Research Center for Immune Diseases and Gout, the Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao University. Her research focuses on basic and clinical research on gout and urate nephropathy, spanning genetic mechanisms, animal models, clinical epidemiology, and translational applications.



Jie Wei, PhD

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Jie Wei is a Professor and Deputy Director of the Key Laboratory of Aging-Related Bone and Joint Diseases Prevention and Treatment, Ministry of Education, at Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, China. She received her PhD in Medicine from Central South University and completed her postdoctoral training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Her research focuses on the clinical prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal diseases and their underlying mechanisms, particularly osteoarthritis and gout. She has published extensively as a first or corresponding author in leading journals, including *Science*, *JAMA Internal Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Nature Reviews Rheumatology*, *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*, and *Arthritis & Rheumatology*.