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2022 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD
WINNERS
IN HUMAN GENOMICS AND GENETIC DISEASES

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the *Genes* 2022 Young Investigator Award in Human Genomics and Genetic Diseases are Dr. Alfredo Iacoangeli and Dr. Elisa De Franco.

Alfredo Iacoangeli is a bioinformatician and geneticist, currently a senior research fellow at King's College London, where he has worked since completing his PhD in 2016. He has gained an international reputation for his highly productive and innovative work in analysis of genomic and clinical data, particularly in relation to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He is a highly regarded teacher and supervisor and has attracted funding to put together an active bioinformatics team.

Elisa De Franco is a medical geneticist, currently a Diabetes UK RD Lawrence research fellow at the University of Exeter, where she has worked since completing her PhD in 2014. She has become an international leader in gene discovery for neonatal diabetes, resulting in important novel biological insights, and is scientific lead of the neonatal diabetes genetic testing service, which has a worldwide reach.

As awardees, Dr. Alfredo Iacoangeli and Dr. Elisa De Franco will each receive an honorarium of CHF 2000, an offer to publish a paper free of charge before the end of 31 October 2023 in *Genes* after peer review, and an electronic certificate.

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the many excellent nominations.

Prof. Dr. Peter W. Young
Editor-in-Chief, *Genes*