

THE EAWOP CONGRESS

From May 25th to the 28th the Maastricht Exhibition and Conference Centre (MECC) housed the 15th EAWOP congress. The main topic of the congress was “Decent work and beyond”. During these days, participants had many academic and social activities.

Some WOP-P students had the opportunity to take part of the conference and show the research being done within the master programme, as part of their thesis.

For us, this was an important experience and a chance to participate in an international event, to meet students and professors from other universities; and to hear about the current trends in the WOP-P research area as well. Some interesting topics such as organizational justice, team learning and development, work responsibilities and safety at work were presented.

Knowledge transfer took place through symposiums, oral communications, and conferences in auditoriums, poster presentations and interactive posters. Important announcements also took place at social events like coffee breaks and lunch. There were opportunities to meet new people, meet the publishers that had interesting books regarding WOP-P topics, and getting free copies of your preferred academic review. Also, at Friday evening a social meeting hour for the WOP-P students and scholars was held. There were important news announced: first, regarding the WOPP master’s acknowledgment update by the European Commission, and also the MOY (Mediterranean Office of Youth) award.

The closing ceremony was touching; José María Peiró delivered an award to Robert Roe in recognition for his academic career, on behalf of all EAWOP members. Then, Arnold Baker (the current president of the EAWOP) closed the congress announcing that Münster (Germany) will be the next location hosting this event.

This kind of event offer the opportunity to get a better understanding of the most relevant topics in different Organizational Psychology’s topics; and it also fosters knowledge’s exchange with researchers. Moreover, this experience leads to a greater understanding of how WOPP’s referents work, and at the same time enhances motivation to keep improving our research.