

MSC ITN MyFun project PIs meet in Tübingen to kick-off the "Fundamental Questions on Myopia"

The Kick-off meeting of the *Myopia: Fundamental understanding needed* "MyFUN" project was held on 23-24 February 2016 at the Institute for Ophthalmic Research, University of Tübingen premises. The two-day consortium meeting marked the launch of the Project, which started officially on 1 January 2016, and its main objective was to confirm the Project plan of MyFUN and to define the first steps of the project implementation. The project envisages a wide variety of activities such as secondments, training modules, conferences and summer schools from 2016 to 2020 with the aim of training ESR in fundamental questions regarding to myopia.



MyFUN PIs in Tübingen. February 2016

The Kick-off meeting was attended by a research team of 7 European organizations bringing together various disciplines in the fields of optics, optometry and vision sciences. The MyFUN project is coordinated by the University of Tübingen (DE). The other participants are the University of Murcia

(ES), University College Dublin (IE), Spanish National Research Council–CSIC (ES) and Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (SE), and companies Carl Zeiss Vision (DE) and Voptica Smart Visual Optics (ES).

The scientific discussions addressed multiple aspects of myopia development and its correction, from morphological aspects of the myopic eye (retinal peripheral shape, lens, Stiles-Crawford, etc...) to various forms of correction. Other discussions held during the Kick-off included roles of the project partners, management and procedures for ESR recruitment. The findings from this meeting helped to shape the research agenda and to achieve a common understanding of the key challenges and requirements of MyFUN.

Prof. Susana Marcos, head of the Visual Optics and Biophotonics Lab (VioBio Lab) at CSIC, made two presentations titled "Crystalline lens and myopia" and "Visual performance with bifocal correction to inhibit myopia". Two open positions are available at the VioBio Lab "Visual performance with bifocal correction to inhibit myopia" and "Crystalline lens and myopia". Further information and the announcement of the positions is available at the [VioBio website](#) and at the Euraxess website ([position1](#) and [position2](#)).