

Conference report Respiratory Genomics Conference 2023 – Maaïke de Vries

On November 14 and 15 2023, I attended the Respiratory Genomics Conference in Leicester, UK. During this small and highly focused conference, I presented two abstracts. The first abstract on genetic variants and lung function decline in the Lifelines cohort study was selected for a poster presentation. During the poster session, I had interesting conversations on this topic with other participants and received some valuable suggestions to move forward with this research. My second abstract entitled “Epigenetic clock-derived age acceleration is associated with lung function in the Lifelines cohort study” was selected for an oral presentation and awarded with the British Association of Lung Research (BALR) Early Career Bursary.

Beyond my own presentations, current highlights of the respiratory genomics field on topics such as Genomics in Drug Discovery and Multi-omics in Respiratory Disease were presented during the two days of the conference. The small nature of the conference facilitated meaningful discussions and allowed me to expand my network, which may lead to new future collaborations. Therefore, I’m very grateful to the NRS for their support to participate in this very interesting and relevant conference.