



CSL Behring Prof. Heimburger Awards Ceremony 2019: (L-R) Jens Oltrogge, Birgit Voelker, Steven Pipe, Nicole Dekker, Derek Kleinveld, Samantha Gouw, Lize van Vulpen, Andreas Tiede, Lázló Nemes

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## CSL Behring – Prof. Heimburger Award 2020

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## About the Award

This award was created as a homage to Professor Dr. Norbert Heimburger who was a pioneer in modern hematology and a veteran employee of CSL Behring for over thirty years. Prof. Heimburger made significant contributions to the understanding and treatment of blood coagulation disorders and played a pivotal role in the development and launch of the world's first virus inactivated FVIII concentrate in 1981. Prof. Heimburger devoted his life to the study of hematological disorders and the development of better treatments for patients; this award was established to extend his legacy by inspiring the next generation of coagulation specialists and supporting novel research into hematological disorders.



The support provided by the Heimburger awards has enabled cutting-edge research to be conducted by early career researchers with the opportunity to further understanding in hematology and thrombosis. The Prof. Heimburger award demonstrates the commitment of CSL Behring to innovation and progress in the fields of coagulation, thrombosis and acquired bleeding disorders, with the guidance of world leading researchers in this area. This award is now entering its thirteenth year and has seen an increasing number of international applications; this year there was representation from 11 countries across four continents.



## The next generation of coagulation experts

The quality of the applications received this year was exceptionally high and covered a broad range of areas relating to bleeding disorders and thrombosis. These research proposals provoked discourse among the committee members and highlighted the innovative research that could have the potential to positively impact the lives of care providers, patients, and their families.

The award winners listed below will receive a grant of €20,000 and the opportunity to present their successful research proposals, in both poster and presentation format, to the scientific committee and a wider scientific audience. This grant is usually presented at The Prof. Heimburger Awards Ceremony in Marburg, Germany; however, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this has been postponed until later this year. Further information regarding the rescheduling to be released in due course.

### **Eline van Bergen**

University Medical Center  
Utrecht, Netherlands

**Project:** Biochemical markers to detect the observed changes after ankle joint distraction in hemophilic arthropathy; paving the way to personalized medicine

### **Dorith Claushuis**

Catharina Hospital  
Eindhoven, Maastricht  
University Medical Centre,  
Netherlands

**Project:** Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibition in hemostasis and bleeding

### **Mariasanta Napolitano**

PROMISE Department,  
University of Palermo,  
Italy

**Project:** Combined point of care tools to improve treatment adherence and health-related quality of life in patients with severe hemophilia

### **Gerard Jansen**

Erasmus University  
Medical Center,  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Project:** Using super-resolution microscopy to unravel the organization of platelet granules in bleeding disorders

### **Linda de Heer**

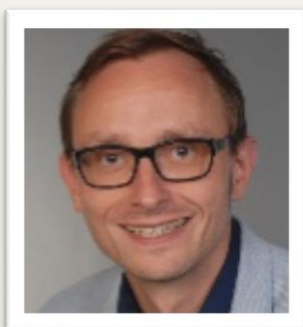
Leiden University Medical  
Center, Netherlands

**Project:** A novel in vitro flow model for testing mechanical heart valve thrombosis and anticoagulant therapies

## The scientific committee

The scientific committee for the Prof. Heimbürger awards 2020 is made up of four global experts in hematology who bring together a wealth of experience from three continents. They have used their extensive knowledge in order to evaluate the numerous Prof. Heimbürger Award applications and select the five winning recipients.

The continued success of the Prof. Heimbürger award has been realized with the support of a number of world leading hematology researchers who have dedicated their time and expertise to the committee. These experts have played a leading role in the conception and maturation of this grant, enabling it to champion world leading research in hematology and thrombosis.



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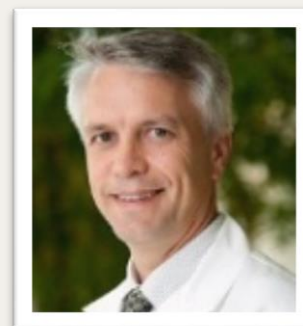


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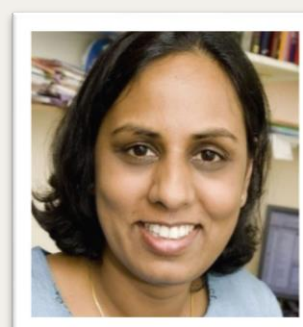
**PROF. STEVEN PIPE,  
MD**

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Ann Arbor, MI,  
USA



## New committee member

We are honored to introduce our committee member, Professor Pratima Chowdary. Professor Chowdary is a leading consultant hematologist at the Royal Free hospital in London while also acting as an honorary senior lecturer at University College London. She has extensive experience in the field of hematology as the principal investigator of numerous clinical trials aimed at improving treatments for hematology patients and over 60 associated publications.





## **Grant details and application for 2021**

CSL Behring is committed to supporting research progress for patients with bleeding disorders. Based on recent publications and feedback from the medical community, allowing the next generation of specialists to medically and scientifically establish themselves is important to ensure continued progress in this essential therapeutic area. CSL Behring will fund the next cycle of a global grant program to support the above objective.

CSL Behring has now extended the eligibility criteria for this award to also include emerging investigators with PhDs, and those in the fields of thrombosis and acquired bleeding disorders. We encourage all eligible investigators to prepare their applications for the 2021 round of Prof. Heimburger Award grants.

### **Grant details and eligibility**

CSL Behring will provide 5 global start-up grants of €20,000 each. The grants are reserved for researchers who hold a medical degree or PhD. Applicants with less than 5 years faculty experience in hemostasis will be preferred.

No matching funding is a prerequisite for this grant. The grants will be available for clinical and/or preclinical research.

### **Application procedure**

Applications for the 2021 cycle are being accepted from May 16, 2020; the deadline for applications is **October 15, 2020**. Further information on the Prof. Heimburger Award can be found at the following [link](#).

For inquiries regarding application, policy and procedures information, please contact us at [Heimburger.Award@cslbehring.com](mailto:Heimburger.Award@cslbehring.com).