

## Paramet 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Leeds

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held in Ilkley, West Yorkshire from 14-17 September 2015. This year's meeting followed annual meetings in Bordeaux and Granada providing an opportunity for ESRs and ERs to deliver updates on their research as they come to the completion of their tenures. There were also four invited guests from Oxford, Australia, and the USA focussed on metabolomics, metabolic network analysis, and interaction of host and parasite metabolism that are international leaders in their field. This was an appropriate final annual meeting as it brought together the aspects of parasite biochemistry and metabolism by individual researchers into a network and modelling perspective. Indeed, the final talk by Prof Westhead summarised how findings from the individuals in different laboratories in Paramet can be integrated for a broader understanding of parasite metabolism and enhancing drug discovery.

The format for the meeting was a timetable of talks delivered each day of the meeting by different ESRs and ERs interspersed with full lectures by the invited guests. For each day, one ESR and one supervisor served as chairpersons. The presentations consisted of 13 talks by ESRs, 1 talks by an ER (the ERs kindly joined the meeting as guests as there contracts with this ITN have finished), and the four invited guests.



There were guest lectures on Chemical metabolomics and druggable targets in parasite metabolism by Darren Creek (Monash University, Australia), The Malaria Host-Pathogen Interaction Center: Metabolomics Goals & Challenges by Mary Galinski and Metabolic Profiles during Infection with Plasmodium Species by Regina Joice of (Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA) and Practical Insights From Metabolic by Mark Poolman (Oxford U).

There were also some organisational sessions. There was a session for one-on-one meetings between students and their external supervisors. There was an ITN management session on the third day as well as a report on the Entrepreneur's workshop.



The event took place over three days at the Craiglunds Hotel providing a venue for accommodation, sessions, and lunches. There was also ample opportunity for informal interactions at meals at local restaurants, an outing into the Yorkshire Dales, and coffee breaks through the three days. For some local culture, a resident provided a tour of the Charles Darwin's life spent in this spa town.

