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**Odile Bain Memorial Prize 2017 winners:**

**Alejandro Cabezas-Cruz (OBMP 2017 winner)**

Alejandro is an experienced Research Scientist (CR1) at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), Maisons-Alfort, Paris, France. Between 2013 and 2016 he obtained two PhD degrees, one in tick biology from the University of Castilla-La Mancha (Spain; 2014) and one in parasite epigenetics from the University of Lille 2 (France; 2016). Between 2013 and 2017 Alejandro published 59 papers related to vectors and transmitted pathogens and their association in different host models. His merits as an excellent early career scientist have been fully recognised, mostly in relation to the significant advances of his studies on vector-borne diseases. Of particular interest is his finding that the frequency of blood group B in a human population plays a key role in the epidemiology of major infectious diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis.
Luc Edgar Coffeng (OBMP 2017 winner)

Luc is Assistant Professor at the Department of Public Health, Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and a member of the Infectious Disease Control Research Group, where he is lead Erasmus MC modeller on soil-transmitted helminths for the NTD Modelling Consortium. He obtained a PhD in epidemiology and mathematical biology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2013. Luc published 37 papers between 2013 and 2017 including high-ranking publications in the field of neglected tropical diseases (NTD), some of which directly fed into the ambitious Global Burden of Disease (GBD) project.

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