Odile Bain Memorial Prize 2018 winners:

**Brecht Devleesschauwer (OBMP 2018 winner)**

Brecht is a senior epidemiologist at the Belgian Scientific Institute of Public Health (Sciensano), and a visiting professor in risk analysis at Ghent University, Belgium. As a member of the World Health Organization Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group (WHO/FERG), he contributed to the estimation of the global burden of food-borne disease. Between 2010 and 2015 Brecht obtained two PhD degrees at Ghent University, one in public health and one in veterinary sciences. Between 2014 and 2018 he published 75 papers and 3 book chapters. His merits as an excellent early career scientist have been fully recognized, mostly in relation to the significant advances in burden assessment, risk assessment, and modeling to support research on foodborne parasites. Of particular interest is the development of the first ever agent-based model for *Taenia solium* transmission and control.

**Giovanni Benelli (OBMP 2018 winner)**

Giovanni is a Lecturer at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment, University of Pisa, Italy; he has been recently appointed as affiliated researcher at the BioRobotics Institute, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa. Giovanni obtained a PhD in Agrarian and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Pisa and Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies. His research focuses on entomology, ecotoxicology, animal behaviour and biological control, with a major focus on arthropod vectors of medical and veterinary importance. Giovanni has published more than 330 articles between 2014 and 2018. His merits as an excellent early career scientist have been fully recognised, mostly in relation to the significant advances in entomology, behavioural ecology and vector control, with a major focus on arthropods of medical and veterinary importance. Of particular interest are the studies of a wide number of “green” pesticides and repellents against arthropod vectors and of effective nanopesticides.
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