

MÁXIMA BUTTERFLY NEWSLETTER

TRANSFORMATION IN PROGRESS

June 2026

ALL ON TRACK

As our first Butterfly enters her final year, the rest are not far behind, and we're proud that all of our 28 students are on track to finish. Having completed their personal development programme, a visual artwork depicts this momentous milestone. Since then the Butterflies are busy planning and finalizing their secondments. They're also applying for travel grants to attend conferences to far off places in Europe and globally like Australia and the US. Moreover they're sharing their science to the broader community closer to home, through initiatives like "Breaking Science."

CELEBRATORY ARTWORK

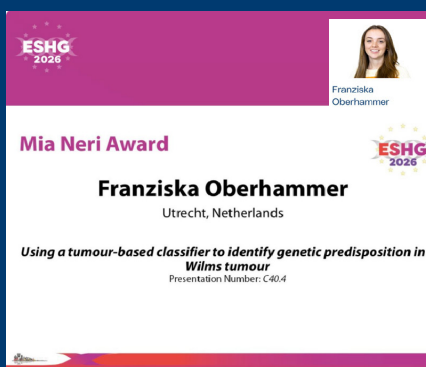


As part of strengthening their PhD journey, our personal development course has come to life in a really special way, visually transcribed into a piece of artwork that will be proudly displayed at the Princess Máxima Center. The artwork captures the essence of the PhD journey, and we hope it will serve as a source of inspiration for others, a kind reminder that we're all on our own journey. What a wonderful way to mark this milestone!

BREAKING BORDERS

The spirit of mobility is well and truly alive. Students are returning from, currently engaged in, or preparing to embark on international secondments, with host partners spanning Italy, France, Germany, Slovakia, Australia and U.S.A. All students are on track to finish their first secondments by the end of summer 2026, 24 of whom have already done so.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Franziska Oberhammer who was awarded the Mia Neri Award for her outstanding presentation on cancer genetics at the European Society of Human Genetics (June 16th). Also proud to celebrate our students' fantastic achievements: 12 travel grants, SIOP Young Investigator Award 2025, Genmab Jan van de Winkel Scholarship and the Irene Stichting Award. Well done, all!

Thank you for your continued support!
We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer