At the recent 19th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology (2015, Genk, Belgium) it was announced that Dr. Anneleen Avau from the laboratory of Immunobiology is the laureate of the FWRO*-Rotary prize. Anneleen was awarded for her PhD work with respect to the development and immunopathological characterization of a mouse model of systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA), one of the most perplexing childhood immune disorders. The model will be very useful to get insight into the disease pathogenesis and to devise novel treatment strategies.

Anneleen received the announcement from Prof. Rene Westhovens, the president of the Belgian Royal Society for Rheumatology. The award will officially be presented by the King Baudouin Foundation.

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