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Short bio:

I received my education in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Liege (Belgium) in 2018, where I graduated with a Master Thesis entitled "Where tendons meet bones: structural and mechanical analysis of Achilles tendon insertion into calcaneus". My thesis was done in collaboration with the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (New Zealand) where I spent half a year.

During my Master Thesis, I loved how interdisciplinary this research topic is; at the interface between engineering, medicine and biology, with engineering methods used to investigate clinically relevant questions. I decided to apply for a PhD grant to pursue my research on the bone-tendon interface and since September 2018 I am working as a PhD student in the laboratory of Prof. Davide Ruffoni at the University of Liege, in collaboration with Prof. Harry van Lenthe from KU Leuven.

Besides research, I am an active member of the PhD community from Liege (the "Réseau des Doctorant-es") and the general coordinator of the "Pot'Ingé", a team of PhDs aiming at growing veggies on the campus and spreading awareness on ecological issues.

What do you expect from this training?

I am very happy to have the opportunity to present my research and looking forward to receiving feedback about my last results. Also very excited about the programme, specifically sessions on *Imaging Bone* and *Engineering hard-soft tissue interfaces*.

I am also entering in the writing phase for a publication, and I am hoping to gather nice advice on how to write a paper.

Finally, I truly hope this training will allow me to get in contact and exchange with people working on a similar topic as mine.

Bonus question: What motivates you to get out of bed in the morning?

To build, create, develop, interact: do anything that either makes someone feel good, or the world a better place.