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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The C-Comend course is a comprehensive course, which provides training in different aspects involved in translational medicine. It has introduced the students to the very up to dated concept of translational medicine, what strategies should be taken to fill the gap between academic research and clinical output. Not only research topics such as target validation, imaging biomarker are included, but also ethics, project management, IP and patient’s perspective are explained with details to enable the audiences to gain the awareness that besides scientific excellence, there also other elements required to achieve success in translational medicine.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

I gained knowledge of the inclusive concepts of translational medicine. The session of patient’s perspective is really motivating and inspiring, which drives me to think what the patient really need and what we can do to bring our academic findings to the clinical bedside and ultimately benefit patients. Through case studies and lectures on project management, I learnt what are crucial element for good project management and lead the success of a project. The elevator pitch and post presentation not only provide myself to present my own work but also give me the opportunity to learn for my colleagues about their research and communication strategies.

Overall, upon completion of this course, I gained a systematic view of translational medicine; what are missing in it and how, as a researcher to build up the bridge between, academic, industry and clinical side. I feel I have improved my communication skills, problem solving skills and analytic skills through the training. It also made me to realise where my strength and weakness lies. Most importantly, it reveals my how the career path could divert and a scientific career does not only mean being a researcher.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

For short-term, I will think of strategies for commercializing our academic finding. For long-term, I am planning my career in a more sustainable way.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.)
I highly recommend “open target” for people involved in biomedical research in the university. As it integrates information from different platform, including uniprot, ensemble, expression atlas, ChEMBL, gene ontology consortium, protein data bank Europe, Reactome and human protein altas. It is really good information source for people working on drug discovery and genetic diseases.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

Talk to people especially the speaker, who are more than willing to provide invaluable advice for where their expertise lies and also career development

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

I highly recommend this course for researchers to apply. The course will takes place the second time next year and it will be nice to encourage researchers to apply.