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

YIM-UK assists Indian early career researchers (ECRs) in the UK to establish connections with leading figures in science and technology, funding bodies, policy makers, and industry. It also provides a platform for researchers (Postdoc’s and PhD students) working in the UK to share their research and collaborate on projects.

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

Apart from learning about research conducted by many Indian nationals who are working at various UK universities, I got to interact and network with future employers which included Board members and Directors from various government and private Universities operating in India. I also got to meet senior government officials from Department of Biotechnology, India government, who play pivotal role in formulating policies and strategies for research in the country. As a researcher working in the field of Neuroscience & Neurological Diseases it was important for me to understand present funding scenario in India and what initiatives India government is planning to advance Neuroscience research in the country. Talking with Industry leaders and government officials made me aware of new regulatory requirements for Biomedical devices, government support for new start-ups in the field and most importantly allowed me to understand scope and limitations of running a Biomedical business in India.

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

In regards to actions, I will modify my business strategy to incorporate medicinal plant products as a source for drug discovery for treating neurological disorders. Also, added emphasis as laid by Indian government towards regulatory control will be incorporated in future business proposals.

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).

During this meeting I discussed about hosting similar events in Scotland with Smita Jain, IndiaBioscience representative. IndiaBioscience was the co –organizer for 2nd Young Investigators Meeting 2016. IndiaBioscience has showed keen interest in collaborating/co organizing future events and conferences in Scotland.
5. Tips/experience learned from the event

At the meeting I got an opportunity to talk with Dr. Venki Ramakrishnan (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2009) and learn about his experiences in the field of Biochemistry. It was also interesting to learn about his move from India to UK and how that influenced his research over the years.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

Events like, 2nd Young Investigators Meeting, brings likeminded researchers and professionals together on the same platform which has tremendous importance for young investigators and helps them to network and expand their connections. Similar events can easily be organised at University of St Andrews with some little financial assistance and would go a long way in helping Indian student community here on campus and also make people in India aware about University of St Andrews and their ground breaking research.