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

   This event was a gathering of teams from around the world to present the results of projects undertaken during the summer that were based on the principles of the field of synthetic biology. Students had the opportunity to answer judges’ questions about the project and network with other students with similar interests. The event culminated in recognition of teams’ achievements and several keynote speakers who are prominent figures in their fields.

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

   Benefits of attending the conference included gaining experience in public speaking and creating presentations, learning more about the various aspects to synthetic biology other than laboratory work such as the importance of communications and human practices. Another skill gained was learning to think critically about our own work as well as the projects of others as well as how to approach problems from a variety of angles.

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

   I have already made contact with one of the judges of our project in order to discuss the possibility of future interaction with the iGEM program after graduation as well as the future growth of the field of synthetic biology. We focussed on the potential careers available in regards to human practices and science communication.

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).**

5. **Tips/experience learned from the event**

   Preparation is key for presentations, and time management is essential throughout all stages of the project from planning to modelling to execution to presentation.

6. **Any additional comments or information regarding the event**
This event was a fantastic experience that helped me learn about the importance of aspects of biology other than research.