

DoLS POSTDOC COMMITTEE

Friday 19th May 2017
12 – 1:30pm
213B Sir Ernst Chain Building

Minutes

Present: Aw, Rochelle; Briggs, David; Estacio Gomez, Alicia; Grob, Alice; Haghighat-Khah, Roya; Mombrikotb, Shorok; Pang, Poh-Choo; Vincent, Crystal

Apologies: Aldersley, Andy; Aulino Campos de Lima, Melina; Marbiah, Masue; Storch, Marko

	Agenda Item	Action
1	Apologies Apologies received from Andy Aldersley, Melina Aulino Campos de Lima and Masue Marbiah	
2	Minutes of the last meeting No issues	
3	Postdoc Symposium Well done to everyone on all the hard work that went into the symposium. We had a good turnout of numbers throughout the day. Contact all speakers to confirm they are happy for their photos to go on the website. Website to be updated with new group photo. Feedback was mostly positive, although some concerns in free comment box regarding the number of events at Silwood Park.	P-C. Pang M. Storch
4	Silwood Park BBQ & Training session 12th July 2017 Following from the successful trip of 2016, postdocs will be invited to join the staff at Silwood Park. Buses will be arranged. R. Aw has arranged a training session with PDC. Agreed that the subject so be career progression to make it as attractive as possible to a wide range of people. Concerns with only fellowships was that it limited more experienced postdocs, and those who wish to leave academia. Once PDC confirm training event will be advertised to all postdocs. Suggested that it might be nice for SK postdocs to understand the type of research by SP postdocs. Arrange flash talks alongside the tour of SP. 1 member from each lab to present maximum.	R. Aw
5	PDC Training & Future Events Arrange a series of pop-up talks by ICON, Imperial Innovations and possibly Deep Ventures. These will run once every month – September, October and November. Idea is to provide something different than what the PDC offer in terms of training. 1 – 1½ hr sessions. R. Haghighat-Khah to send details of contact for Imperial Innovations. Hammersmith postdocs arranged for a workshop on proof-reading	P-C. Pang

- students' work with the ELC. Arrange similar course for January/February 2018.
- Replace June beer & pizza talk at SK with a quiz. This will be on 29th June at 4:30pm. P-C. Pang and D. Briggs to arrange the quiz. SP postdocs invited and bus to arrange transfer to be investigated. S. Mombrikotb
- New event regarding sharing of technical skills and knowledge to be developed. Based on the theory of technical flash talks, here's what I can do and here's what I need to do. Provisional plan for January 2018. C. Vincent
- Update to be provided at next meeting.
- Kirsten McEwen requested a Postdoc Wiki to be established, where each postdoc puts up information about research and skills. Committee feel that this cannot be committed to as people do not even set up their own PWP, let alone contribute to another source. Kirsten to be advised. P-C. Pang
- 6 Beer & Pizza SK**
- Numbers for February were 30+, but in April only low 20s, maybe due to time of year. Speakers confirmed (with the exception of June – now to be replaced with quiz) until September.
- 7 Silwood Park Update**
- Monthly beer and pizza has turned into more of a meeting session to establish the requirements of SP postdocs. Main concern is lack of interaction with the PDC for training courses. Google poll being initiated to determine what training would be best.
- SP postdocs have decided to make a handbook. All postdocs to contribute and will contain information regarding specific requirements to living in SP.
- Admin to inform Shorok/Andy of new arrivals, so that they can be welcomed.
- Monthly sessions to share computer skills. This is done between both PhD students and postdocs.
- Bugs Day (national event) to be advertised to all postdocs to encourage people to attend.
- Silfest (August – non-academic event) to be advertised to all postdocs.
- 8 Staff Meeting Update**
- No updates.
- 9 EOC Meeting Update**
- No updates (M. Marbiah absent).
- 10 Health & Safety Update**
- A postdoc-only session to be established. This will work on training sessions for postdocs to become established in H&S. Awaiting further details.
- 11 Research Strategy Meeting**
- No updates. A replacement is needed to sit on the committee. R. Haghghat-Khah to advise the committee that they should contact R. Aw with details of the next meeting. R. Haghghat-Khah
- 16 AOB**
- Meeting with the Provost to happen 7th June. Call for questions to go out to postdocs. P-C. Pang and A. Grob will be representing DoLS Postdoc Committee. R. Aw