



Result of student evaluation



European Medicines Research Training Network

EMTRAIN PhD Workshop 2013

Driving the IMI Education and Training Vision in Europe



The highlights of the workshop as expressed by the students

(A selection of comments..)

Fantastic speaker from across of disciplines in medicinal chemistry from various big pharma companies.

Visit of the GSK facilities. Getting insights into the work of postgrads in these from these personally.

The drug discovery game!! / Team-building gaming exercise.

Great variety of participants with different background and very interesting student presentations

The opportunity to interact with PhD students that have an equal interest in industry and how medicines are brought from basic concepts through to therapeutic agents. Further to this, the pan-European dimension was very valuable.

The dinner in the castle. / Dinner on the country house.

Meeting all this great people

The dinner venue in North Mymms was very nice. The inspirational talk from Frederik Wittock was a highlight for me.



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Informative presentations informing about all levels of drug discovery.

Listening to others and also having the opportunity to share our own experiences from academia and industry through the individual presentations.

Student presentations was the scientific highlight of the meeting.

Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst reception.

I enjoyed the lab visit in GSK lead by current students. It was amazing to see the facilities and to imagine what it would be like to work there.

Multinational environment and organisers did fantastically ensuring the atmosphere was very friendly and encouraged to make greta professional connections

The talk about global development by Craig Williams

The nice talks on Sunday by Mike Hardman and Wednesday by Chris Powell.

Some presentations (e.g. third world and safety issues) were very engaging and interesting.



Please rate the formal lectures for their usefulness, did you learn something new, was the information of use for you in your PhD project.

Top 5 most useful lectures:

- 1) The process of drug discovery and development
 - Mike Hardman
- 2) First-time into human: how do you assess the safety of a drug?
 - Chris Powell
- 3) The industry's role in tackling health problems in the developing world
 - Craig Williams

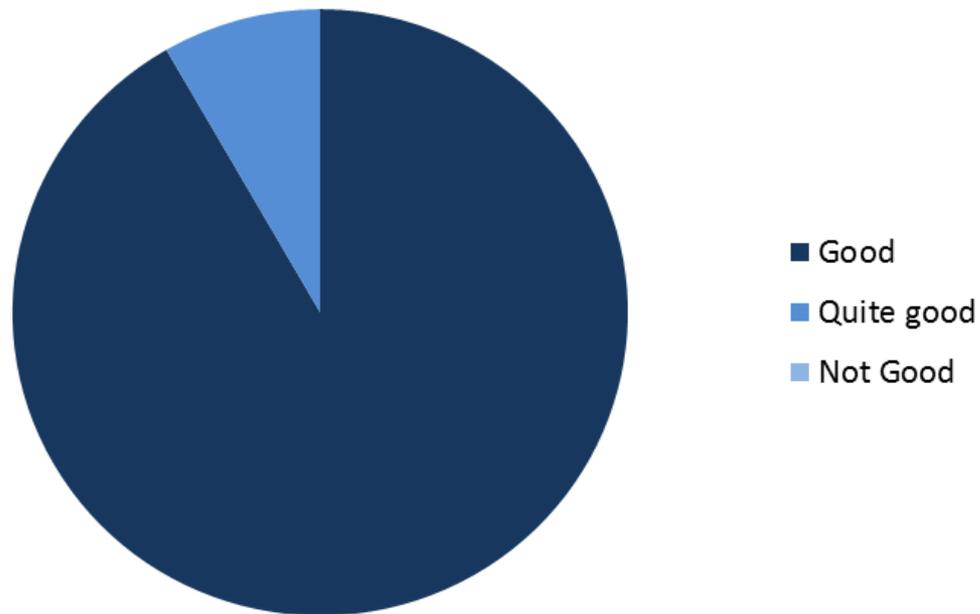
 - An overview of current models of industry-academic interaction
 - Malcolm Skingle
- 4) Introduction to GSK
 - Jeff Kipling
- 5) The industry's challenges in addressing unmet medical need
 - Neil Weir

Top 5 most inspiring lectures:

- 1) The industry's role in tackling health problems in the developing world
– Craig Williams
- 2) First-time into human: how do you assess the safety of a drug?
– Chris Powell
- Pre-dinner keynote presentation
– Frederik Wittock
- 3) The process of drug discovery and development
– Mike Hardman
- 4) Effective industry-academia collaboration: Making things happen
– Ian Thomas
- 5) An overview of current models of industry-academic interaction
– Malcolm Skingle

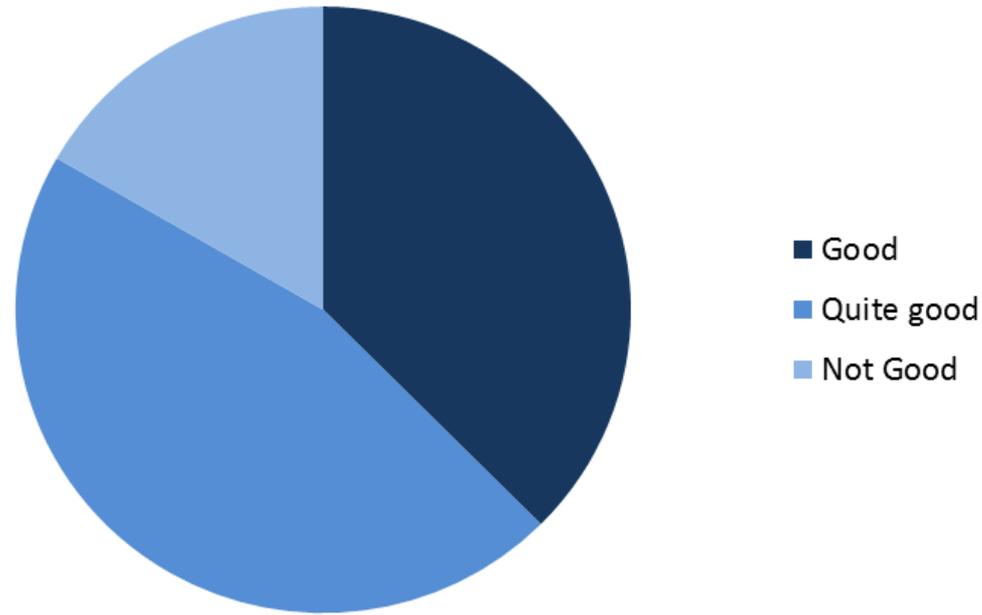


Please rate the usefulness of the “Drug discovery game” on day 1 – Keith Williams.



Comments:

- *That was a really funny and inspiring way to present the process of drug development
- *Fantastic way of breaking the ice with people I had just met It was also useful to get an idea into some of the things one must consider when involved in drug development.
- *Really interesting way of understanding the processes and decisions
- *This was a great session.

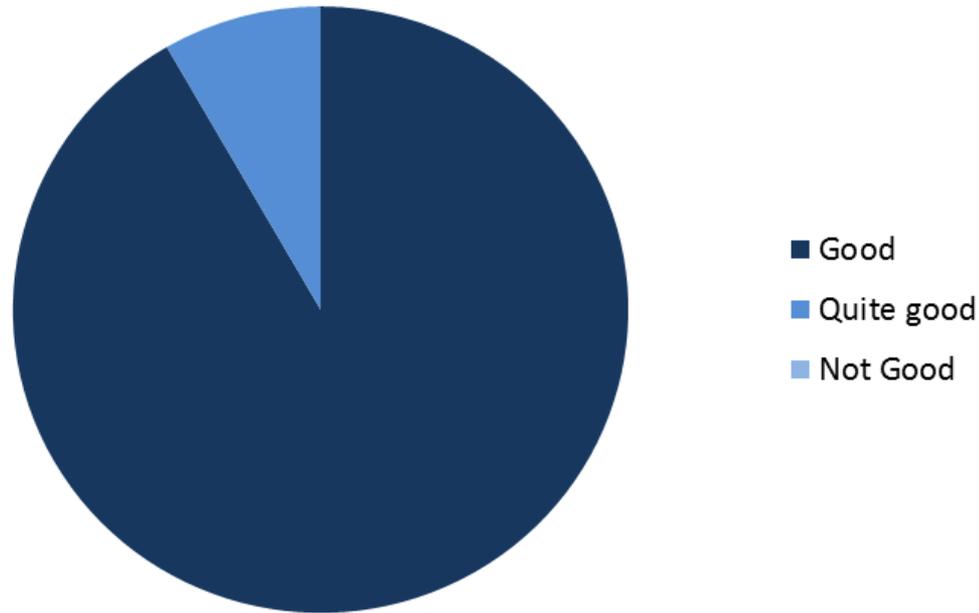


Comments:

*This was interesting and provided a good break and opportunity to work in teams and discuss a topic. It was slightly repetitive

*Miss an overall introduction to the site (purpose, vision etc).

Please rate the usefulness of the “informal sessions” (dinners, breaks, etc.).

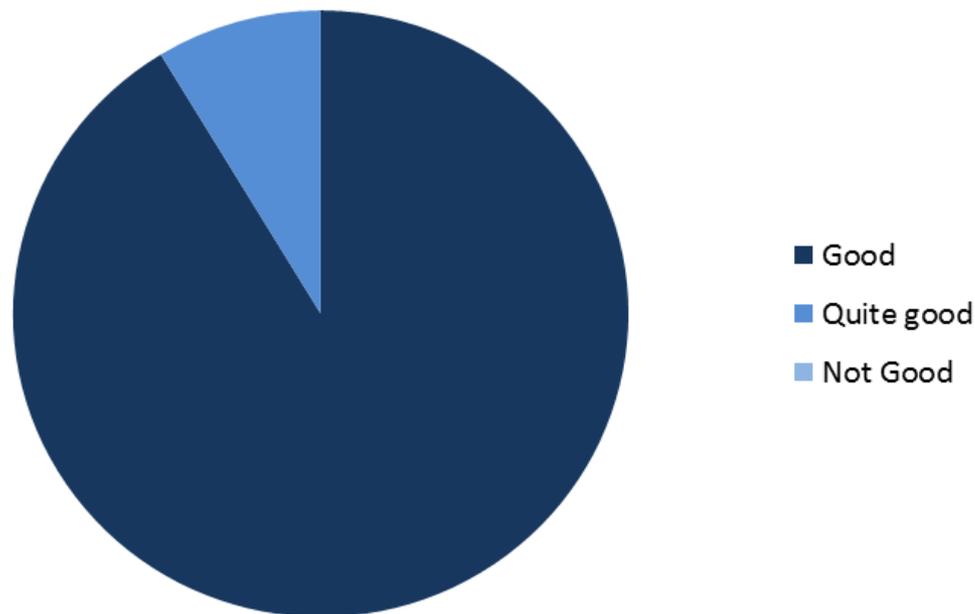


Comments:

*Excellent. The dinners were very valuable to talk to different people and breaks were adequate. The days were long but very enjoyable.

*Definitely the best method of networking - when in a relaxed and non-structured situation.

What is your overall opinion of the EMTRAIN PhD workshop?



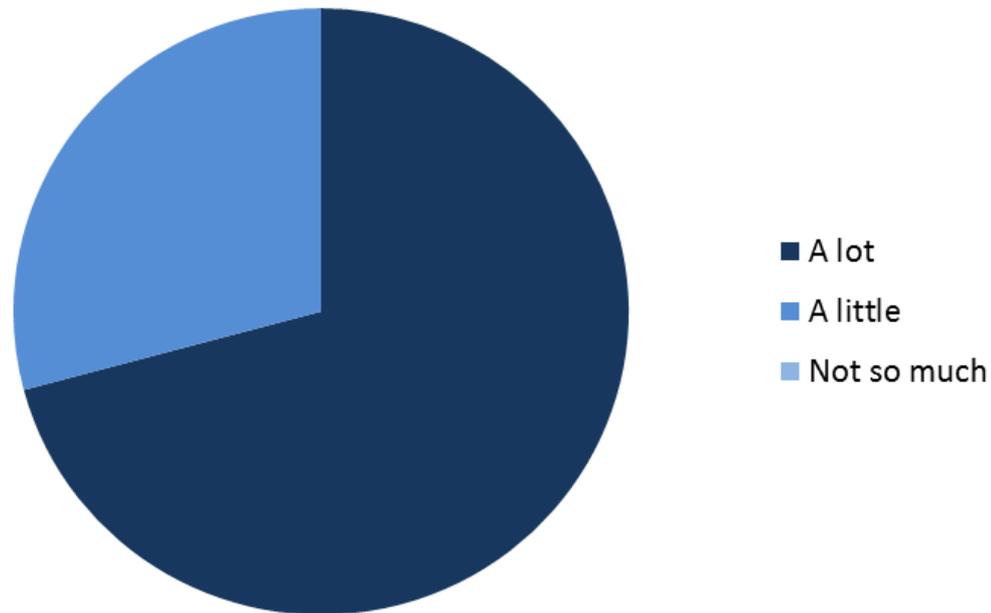
Comments:

*Best medicinal chemistry course I have yet attended. Well done to organisers.

*Really great opportunity.

*This is by far the best conference/PhD workshop I have ever attended, it was focused around us (the PhD students) people where interested in us and our futures, most other conference/workshops have focused around the academics rather than the students

According to your opinion, how has your awareness of drug industry increased during the workshop?

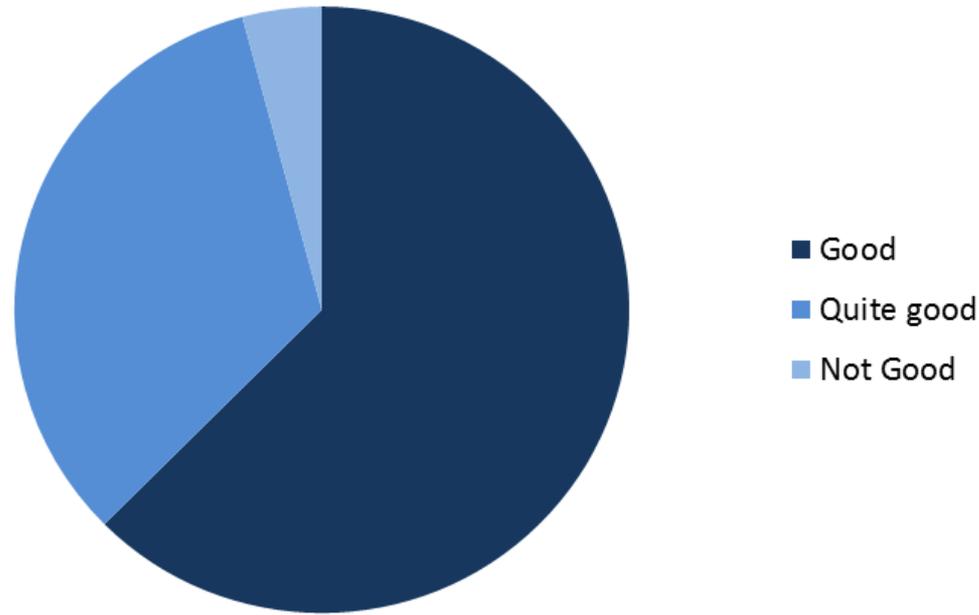


Comments:

*Exponentially. I have definitely gained more knowledge about the whole process of drug development.

*The session on Tuesday morning about academic/industry collaboration had increased my awareness of the good work that both sectors can do together. I think it also put into question a few myths that are often associated with research in industry.

How did you like the student presentation sessions?



Comments:

*That was a big highlight of the course. Great to see so many disciplines good variety and good quality of presentation

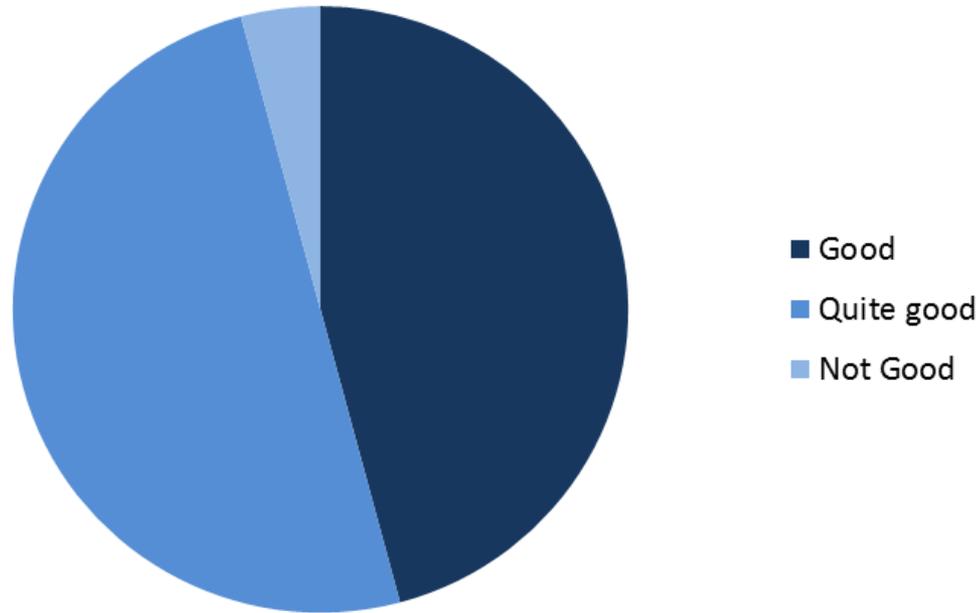
*The student presentations were a very nice reflection of the main presentations..

*Maybe a short guidance about who is the audience (people from different scientific background).

*Most of the presentations were really good quality and inspiring!



How satisfied were you with the time schedule (overall length, timing and sequence of sessions, breaks, etc.) for the workshop?



Comments:

*Days are quite long

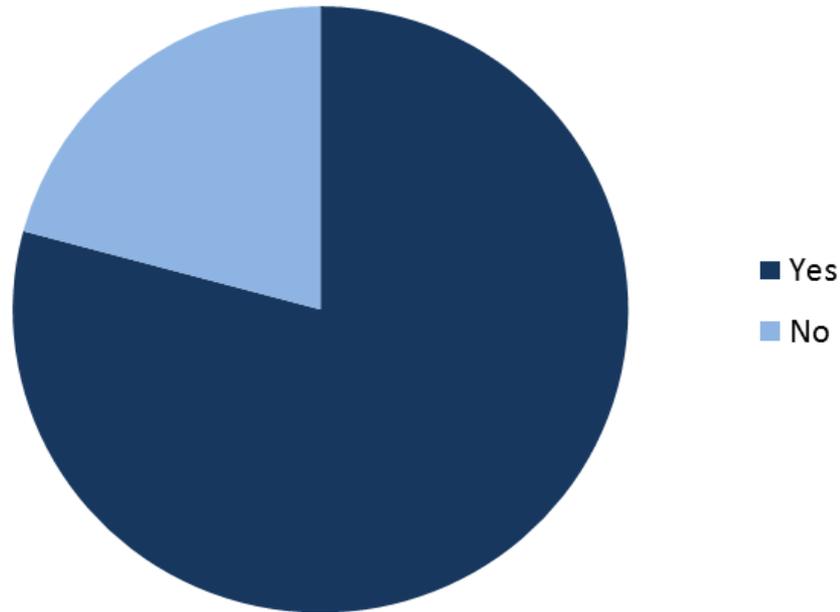
I* do not mind long and intense days. However, the break between sessions and dinner could have been little longer.

*It was some really long days

*I didn't feel tired and could concentrate on the talks, hence the breaks must have been sufficient.



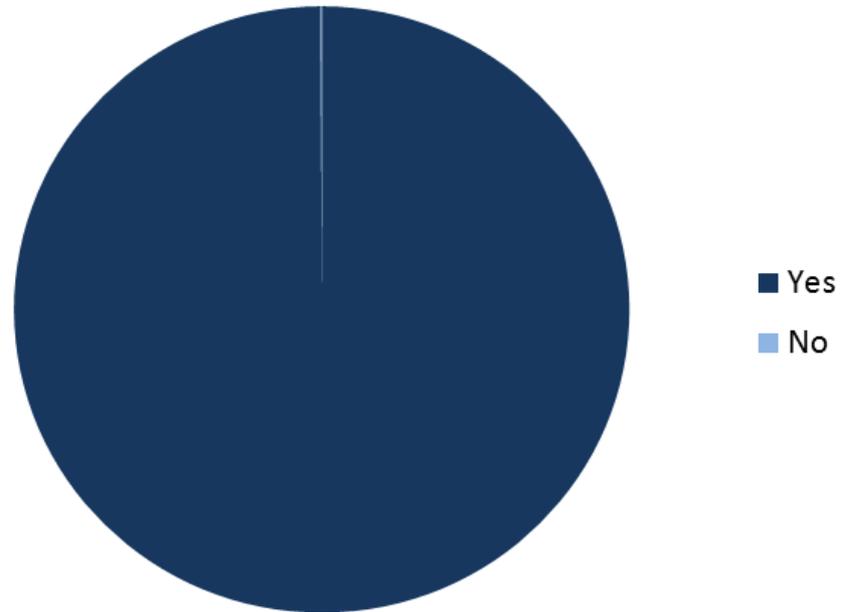
Would you be interested to participate in a future EMTRAIN PPP PhD Workshop?



Comments:

- *I feel my time is limited for the remainder of my PhD, next year Im writing up etc.
- *It was very helpful to have previous participants there to give advice and guidance.
- *Most definitely, it was brilliant

Would you recommend the workshop to others?



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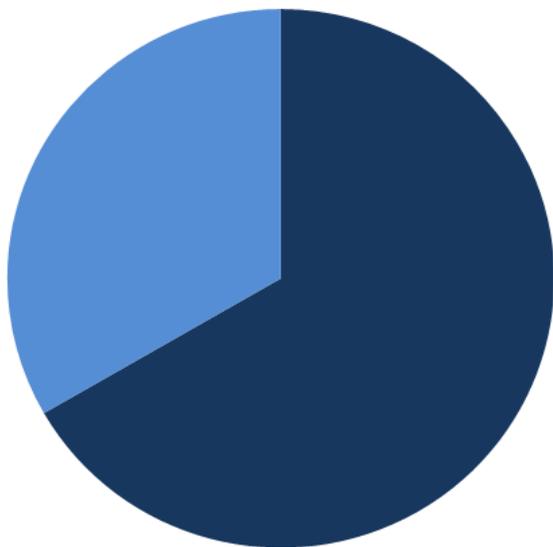
*I already have.

*Yes, because it's a really good reminder that as our research becomes more and more narrow that we should be aware of the industry as a whole

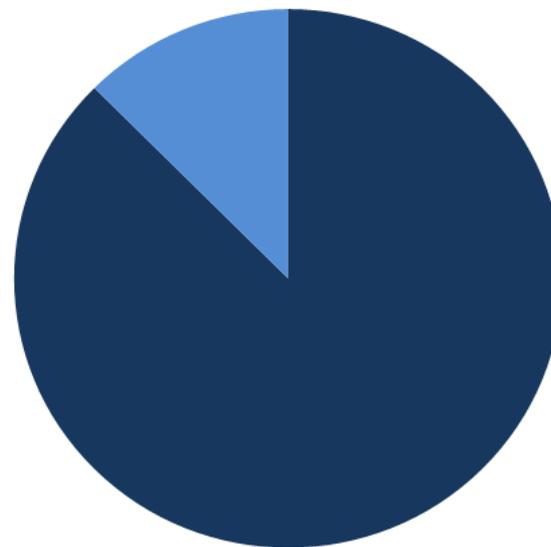
*Yes I think a lot of young PhD students should attend, it allows the students to give their opinions and views on certain topics

How satisfied were you with.....

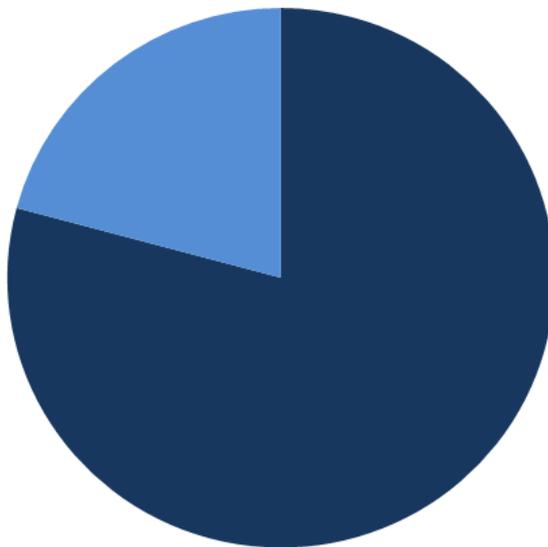
...the workshop venue?



...the hotel?



...the food?



- Good
- Quite good
- Not Good