



Result of student evaluation



European Medicines Research Training Network

EMTRAIN PhD Workshop 2015

Multiple questions using Survey Monkey. A total of 26 student participated in the survey, not all questions were answered by all students, however all questions were answered by at least 23 students.



The highlights of the workshop as expressed by the students

(A selection of comments..)

"Discovery of Sirturo" talk by Dr. Anil Koul

Student presentations

Talks from Janssen team leaders

Meeting young scientists

Professional presentations

The atmosphere of the workshop and the enthusiasm of the EMTRAIN team

Meeting other PhD students from different parts of Europe.

Drug Discovery Game - get-together

Networking with other PhD students

Visit to Janssen labs

Meeting new people and making new contacts/friends

Drug discovery game

Exposure to the needs of pharma-industry from the industry point of view

Networking events

Student presentations

Getting general insight into the biopharma sector

To be allowed to present own PhD research

Every PhD student got chance to present their work

Getting to present my work

The networking with the PhD students and professors

Networking session organized by the senior PhD students

Being able to give my own first oral presentation

Get some insights of a pharmaceutical industry

Dinner Speech

Networking

Talks (students and speakers)

talk by Anil Koul - Sirturo/TBC

To have the opportunity to share my own research with the other participants and get constructive feedback.

Cancer day (Wednesday) presentations

Janssen AD research presentations

First dinner and talk with senior speakers

Dinner first day

The fantastic student presentations

Large and interesting variety of scientific and professional content

Student presentations

Broader context of drug development

The dinner speak on Tuesday

Drug development game

Pre-dinner interactive session

Lectures given by scientists from pharma industries

The "Drug to market" game



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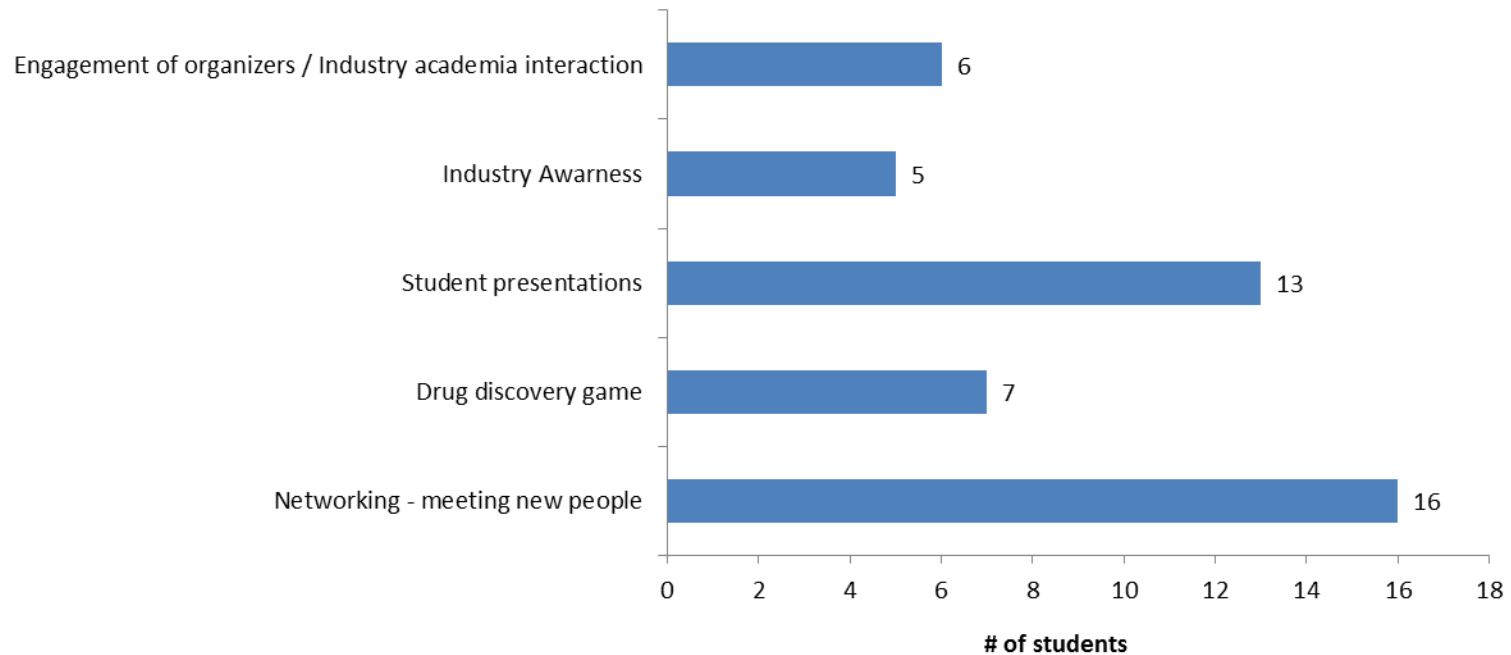
(Summary of highlights...)

Each of the 26 students wrote down three highlights from the workshop in their own words.

The graph shows the number of Students that gave answers that mentioned one or more of the areas/themes/fields shown below.

42 of the indicated highlights included one or more of the area/theme/field shown below.

36 of the indicated highlights were not mentioning any of the themes.





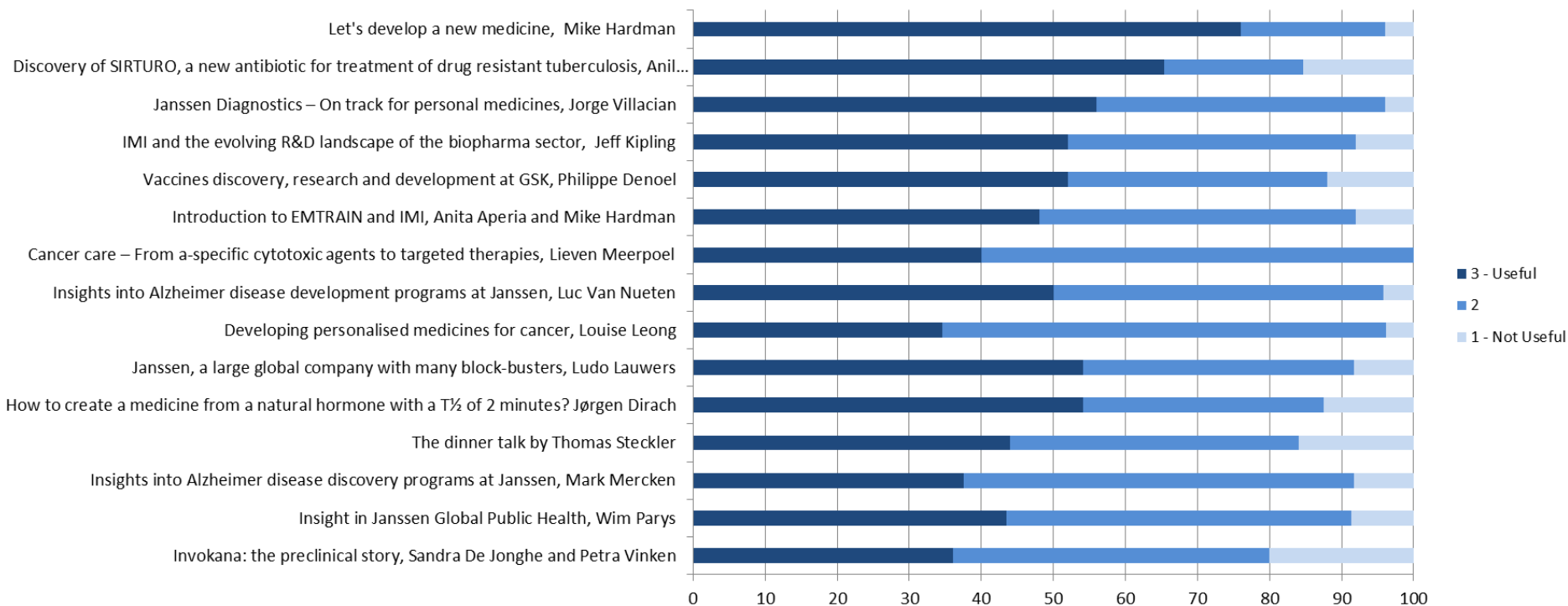
Please rate the lectures for their usefulness, did you learn something new, was the information of use for you in your PhD project

3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)

Most Useful lectures:

Let's develop a new medicine, Mike Hardman

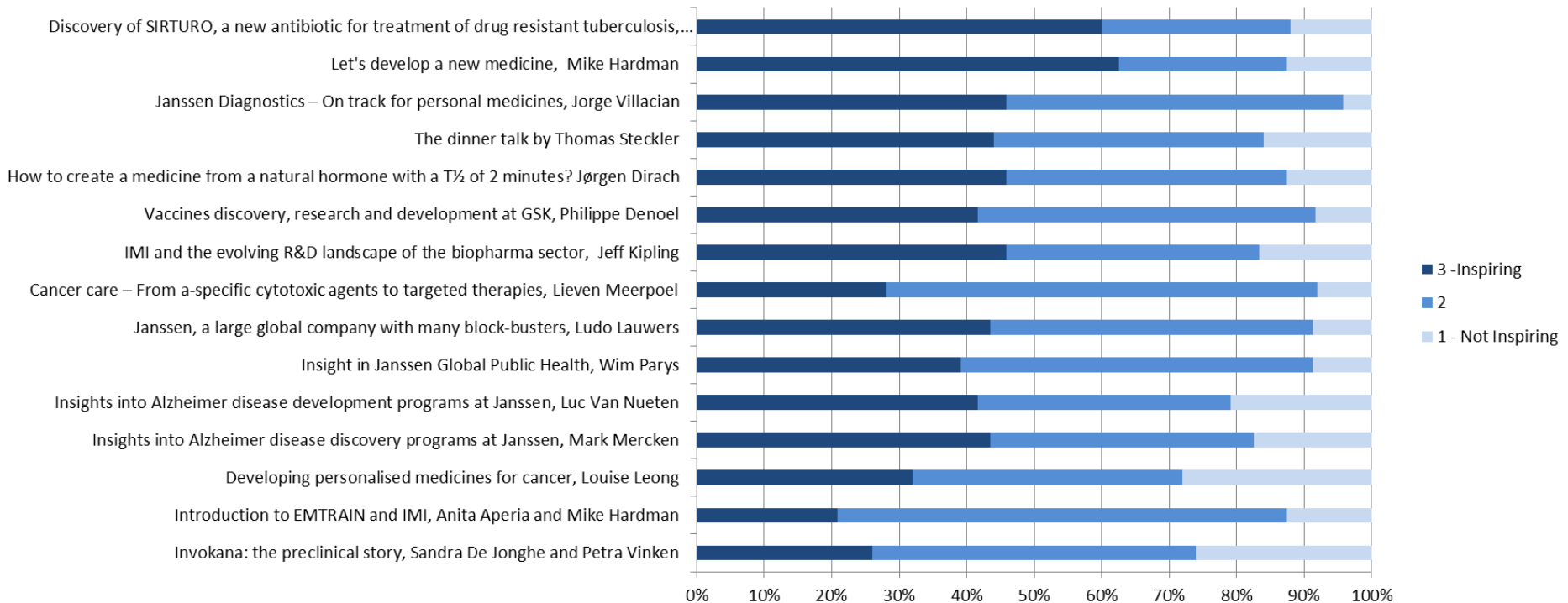
Discovery of SIRTURO, a new antibiotic for treatment of drug resistant tuberculosis, Anil Koul



Please rate the lectures on how inspiring/exciting you found them: 3 (inspiring) – 1 (not inspiring)

Most Inspiring lectures:

Discovery of SIRTURO, a new antibiotic for treatment of drug resistant tuberculosis, Anil Koul
Let's develop a new medicine, Mike Hardman





Comments on the lectures (A selection of comments..)

Day 1:

This was a useful and very interactive session to cover the whole process of drug discovery and development. It was a good starting point for the workshop.

As I am working in pharma industry and not at university, I already knew most of the lecture "let's develop a new medicine". But I think it was still interesting and a good introduction to the following game.

It is a good and warm starting to let students know about EMtrain workshop, and the purpose

Perfect start to the workshop with an overview of drug development

It was a good introduction for the course, very useful.

Anita and Mike are amazing presenters, I enjoyed very much their way of communicating with students on our level, with simplicity and modesty but with enthusiasm.

Day 2:

Frederik is just an amazing person. Gave us the needed information in very friendly way. Luc made an amazing presentation, beside all data it was very joyful.

I would have liked the presentations to mention what the challenges was as well. It easily becomes a summary of the yearly report and how amazing each company and its portfolio is. Perhaps also reflect upon what the most important qualifications has been in their carrier.

I enjoy the talks about Alzheimer disease, but maybe it will be more interesting that topics on other CNS disease for me..

It was hard for me to listen closely to all the talks with the few breaks inbetween, I am sure that both Mark and Lucs talks were fantastic for alzheimer students.

I liked this session, great speakers.



Comments on the lectures

Day 3:

The dinner talk about scientific communication was actually quite good and relevant, however I did not like that it was during the dinner. We had been sitting in an auditorium all day listening to talks, and during dinner it would have been nice to be able to talk and interact with the fellow EMTRAIN workshop participants. The talk could then have been held after dinner.

Better not mixing dinner with talks!

The dinner talk was good, but late in the afternoon I think it would have been better to just do the dinner and the networking. Doing both at the same time I don't think was the optimal thing to do.

The dinner talk was really nice. However, I would suggest starting it a bit later, maybe after most people have finished eating.

Although I enjoyed the dinner talk itself, I would have preferred to sit and eat, and chat with the other delegates about the day/their talks.

The Sirturo talk was amazing, very interesting have to mention the laughter movie about communication.....it was so funny, it was a great break

Dinner talk was relevant but difficult to concentrate after such a long day

The topic for diagnostics is just awesome! really interesting and helpful dinner talk can be rearranged before dinner

I especially liked the SIRTURO talk, very nice to hear the story. Makes you want to go the lab and discover new antibiotics :).

Day 4:

The presentation by Jeff was a really good break - fun and interactive. Maybe invite more fun speakers.....? :D

Session was fine!



What additional topics do you think we should cover in our future workshops?

Gene therapy, Nanomedicine

Clinical trial experiments, statistics in medicine

Drug Delivery

Maybe a talk giving more insight into the clinical studies during drug development

Hmm.. tough one.. Maybe some information about how the pharmaceutical industry interacts with the health and insurance sector. i.e. what happens from when the drugs leave the industry to when it is administered to the patient.

I like the idea of 2 minutes elevator pitch training to learn how to convince other people of the relevance of our work. Perhaps this can be done in front of a jury panel consisting of the scientists from the host company.

Public opinion of big pharma and previous big pharma controversies.

Stories from the life, how everyone came to being in the workshop, what are his/hers dreams, motivations....it is very empowering and inspiring

Perhaps social medicine and prevention of various diseases.

I think a topic about statistics and experimental design should be included in each workshop, since it is really important for each student.

Career opportunities in pharmaceutical industry

Patient involvement in drug development, have PhDs who covers different aspects of the drug discovery and not just pre phase 1.

More information on neurological disorders, animal model?

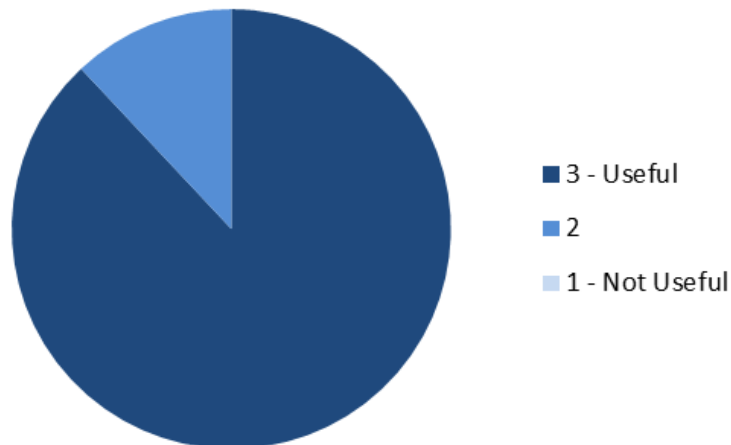
Career advice

More general biology for non chemists, non druggies ect

I think this pretty much covers the large pillars of research, so no suggestions here.



Please rate the usefulness of the “Drug discovery game” on day 1 – Keith Williams. 3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)



Comments:

The drug discovery game was really a lot of fun, while learning about drug development!

Nice introduction. We all liked the drug game, but we didn't actually use the board at all? Also it would be nice if we were able to get an overall winner!

This was an interesting way of getting a feel for the different and complex challenges that will face a drug development project team. Quite challenging but that is a good thing because it keeps you on your toes.

Fun and interactive game. Great for loosening up networking/talking between students. The "conclusion" of the game was however a little "weak". Taking into consideration that we had really focused on the decisions made during the game I had expected a much more quantifiable result/evaluation of performance in the end.

I loved that game. Would love to have some more discussion about the results and meanings of the steps and decisions we took.

I thought the drug discovery game was incredibly useful and a good way to get to know team members

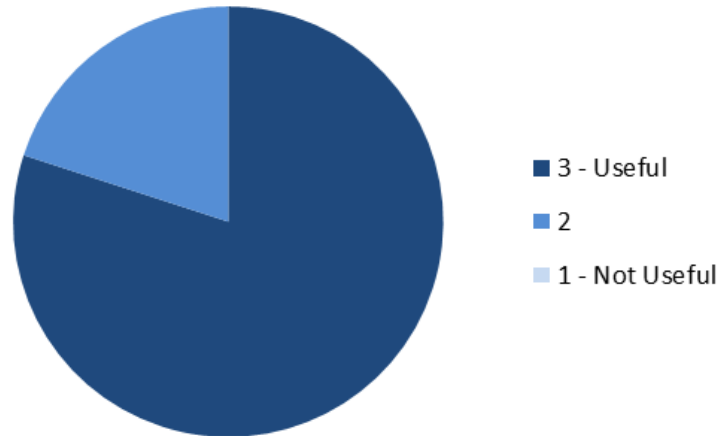
This is a very good introduction to the rest of the program. It is also a nice way to learn to know each other.

This was one of the best items of the workshop!!!

I really liked the game, was a great team-building game and also very insightful to how medicines are developed (of course in a simplistic way).



Please rate the usefulness of the Guided tour of the Janssen site. 3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)



Comments:

An interesting guided tour of facilities and I noticed that the guides knew a lot of the functions of various departments. Great and modern facilities, which was a pleasure to visit.

Interesting to see other pharma companies. The time of the presentation was also very good as we managed to move around and get a little fresh air in the afternoon. This would have been good on the other days as well.

It was nice to get an inside, but the tour was quite fast and there weren't so many chances to ask for specific things or to get a but more detailed information

Fantastic tour with a great tour guide.

It was a pleasure even in a rainy day....

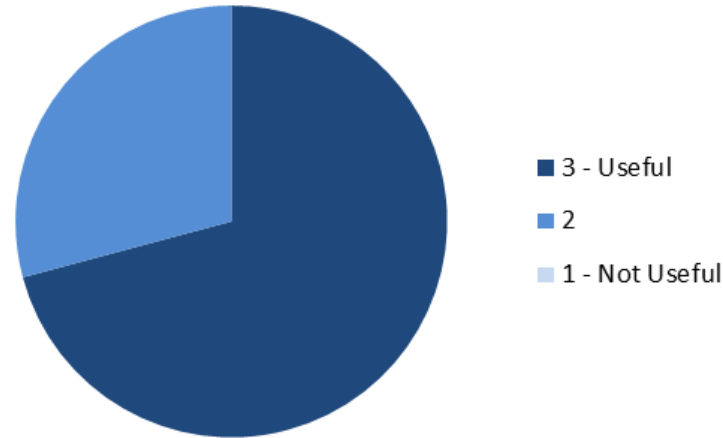
The tour was very interesting and broke up a day of talks nicely

It was nice to be able to visit a pharmaceutical firm and take a closer look into their working environment. It is also a nice break between the sessions of speakers.

Maybe longer time?! this was really a good break and a good idea for seeing other things than the lecture hall

Awesome to see all the resources, labs and equipment.

Please rate the usefulness of the Panel Discussion on Ebola with Johan Van Hoof and Philippe Denoel. 3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)



Comments:

Was useful and interesting, particularly to pick the brains of such experts. Personally I enjoy a debate, so two speakers with conflicting views on a topic would be particularly useful.

Very interesting

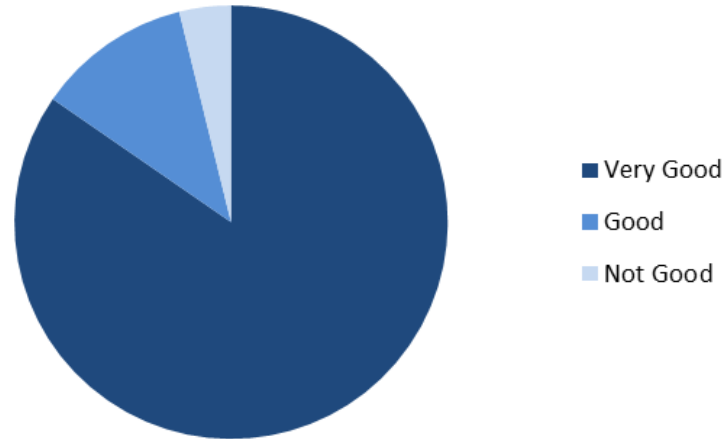
As suggested during the feedback session, it would be nice to do a discussion first in smaller groups of students before the panel discussion with the experts. The questions raised during the discussions can be posed to the experts afterwards.

This was a really good break too - informative. However maybe it would have been nice if they got to ask us questions too in order for it to be more of a discussion.

I really liked this discussion, Johan really answered a lot of questions and knew a lot about the Ebola vaccine program. He really gave his opinion on matters and provided insight into some of the troubles that pharmaceutical companies encounter during their vaccine development.



How did you like the student presentation sessions? 3 (Very Good) – 2 (Good) – 1 (Not Good)



Comments:

The student presentations were really good, it was perfect with about 15 minutes for presentation and questions, just enough time to explain the overall scope without getting too much in to details. Also very nice that it was spread out during the day in between the other talks.

It was very educational experience. it was a good opportunity to gain experience in performing and and get to know others project works.

Very interesting to get an idea of what other pharma-focused PhDs are working on. Very interesting and very good presentations!

Fantastic. The quality was excellent and they facilitated networking during the lunch and coffee breaks.

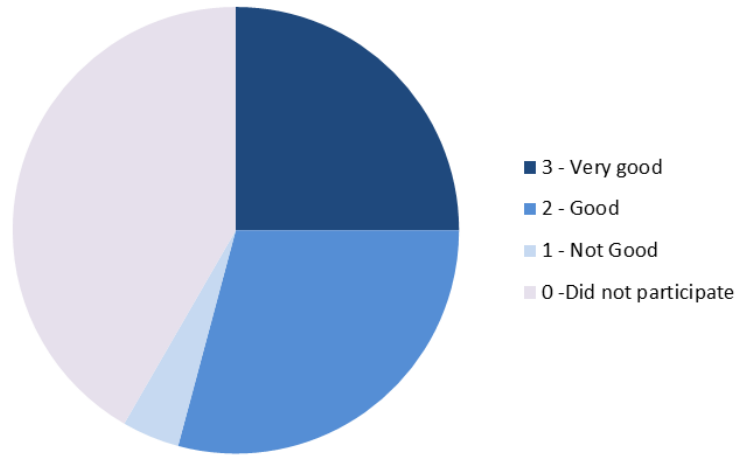
Some were very useful. Interesting to get review on work other students do. Some presentation were too far from my subject and so less understandable. Maybe more instruction have to be given before, so we know the variety of student's field of interest is wide. Maybe less results for presentation are needed and instead explain the basic of research.

Although there were a lot of student presentations, I thought this was the best way to get a bit of information on what each participant was studying. I enjoyed them.

The quality of the presentations was high.

I liked it a lot to see what everyone's working on. Maybe even add an elevator pitch session, to force people to briefly introduce their research on day 1, for instance.

How useful was the feedback you got from the senior faculty? 3 (Very Good) – 2 (Good) – 1 (Not Good) – 0 (Did not participate)



Comments:

I regret not getting feedback, my own fault.

True I was tensed and not open very much to ask to get feedback, even though it would be useful for me.

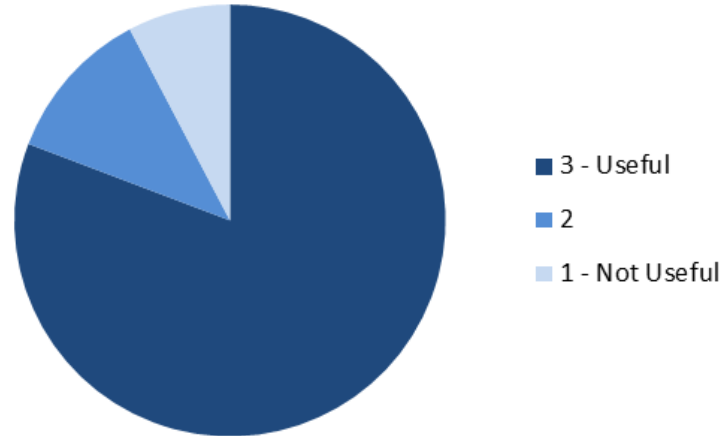
Would be happy to get feedback from all, also students. But it is not easy to give feedback not to frustrate the other....

Maybe it would be useful if some general constructive remarks are made after each session of speakers.

It was nice to have two people to share thoughts with about your presentation.



Please rate the usefulness of the “informal sessions” (dinners, breaks, etc.). 3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)



Comments:

Great for networking!

These were absolutely key to the success of EMTRAIN and allowed ideas and networking opportunities to arise and be exchanged

These were very important to get to know the other participants and the faculty. For future workshops it might be a good idea to rebalance it a little, and have more informal or interactive sessions and slightly fewer presentations as a lot of time was spent in the lecture room and it's hard to focus after a while.

There was very good catering in every informal sessions.

While I got a LOT out of the workshop, the most important thing for me was the network I built while there which was built during these sessions.

Great job of organizers, nice time for networking

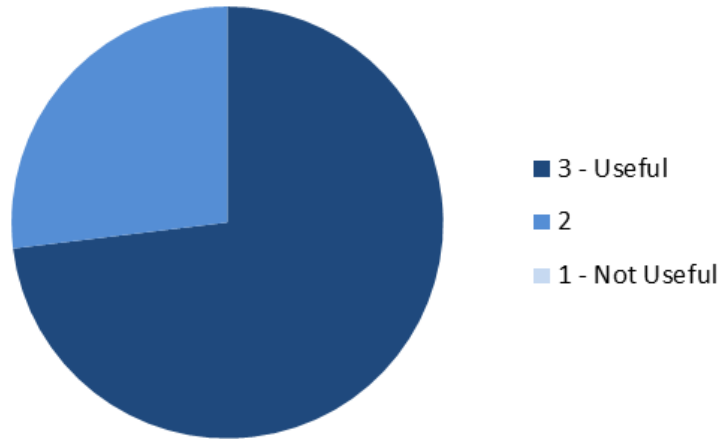
Could be a bit shorter, e.g. 15 min

Dinners AMAZING number of breaks CATASTROFIC!

It's good to have some rest from time to time, you can have a quick chat with some of the speakers.



Please rate the usefulness of the networking session with the senior EMTRAIN students. 3 (useful) – 1 (not useful)



Comments:

It was a lot of fun and after this session I think I had talked to almost everyone on the workshop!

Good catalyst

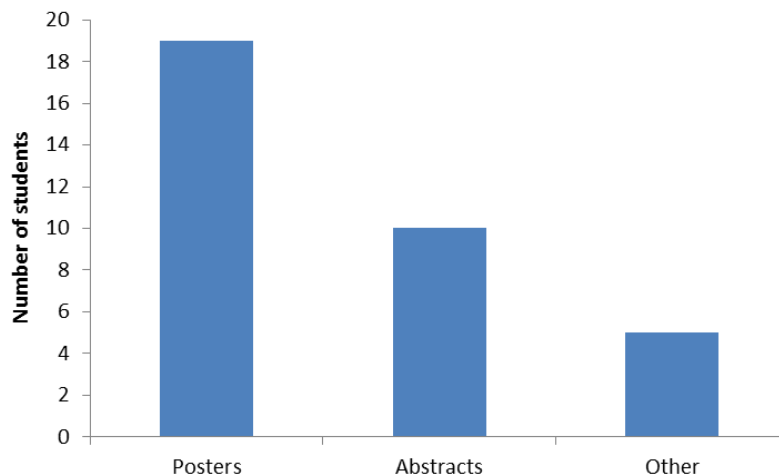
The networking game was a great ice-breaker and opened up communication with people I had not yet spoken to (but which I maintained over the rest of the workshop).

It was a fun. Some more free time would do great for natural networking too. Maybe some more trip or so, just some more free time ;)

I think there are very useful. A big effort was made to encourage the networking.

Was fun to do! Good idea with the stickers.

What other formats of information sharing do you suggest?



Note that students could indicate more than one answer or none.

Comments:

I would be nice to have abstracts for the other students presentations a few weeks before the workshop

More time to network with persons with related interests and complimentary skills

Please NO poster sessions! I know that some people asked for this in the evaluation but this is really a sub-optimal way to get a lot of information about the other projects. Poster sessions are extensively used other places so I think it was nice that the focus was kept on the presentations. Preparing a poster takes even more time than making a presentation, and the feedback as well as the communication is not as good as in the presentations. The presentations were very good, and the students got to practice their presentation skills. I would recommend a "presenters programme" (booklet) with the abstracts of the presentations which should be handed out the first day.

Biographical sketch not only of speakers but also of students (send out before workshop)

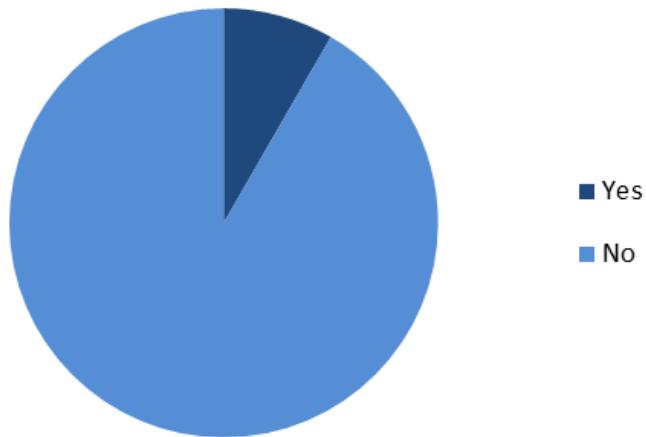
some participants information before the workshop, to make the networking easier

I think oral presentations are a much better way for the students to present their work. I don't think a poster session would be as effective. Maybe posters for some drug discovery examples?

Maybe a short CV of the participants in advance of the workshop.

elevator pitch

Do you think it would be good to include the PhD supervisors in the workshop?



Comments:

Certainly not!

It is not a strong no. Guess many would be too busy anyway.

I think a good aspect of this workshop is the opportunity for the PhD students to be able to feel like strong and independent presenters of their research topic. The presence of supervisors might affect that in a negative way.

I think that it would remove the focus from the intra-student networking.

The freedom we got to be on our own was amazing and precious, not just in scientific context but also in forming idea about our future career. Having more academic staff thought would be great, to hear their experience and their view on industry and the cooperation would be very useful. I just think it is not the best for the student to be in the workshop together with it's own supervisor...not fun ;)

It would be a good idea that supervisors also have the opportunity to exchange scientific experience.

I think it is good that the focus is on the students and not on the supervisors.

I don't think they have the time.

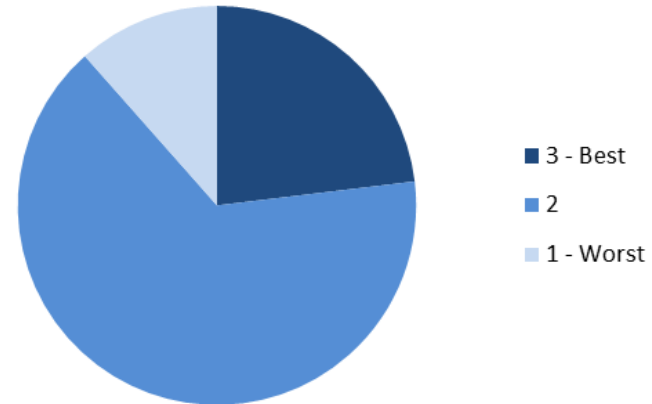
definitely! it will be a great chance that promoters communicate with each other and maybe more collaboration will be achieved.

No, I think getting a break from the supervisors allow you to really speak freely (although I really like my supervisor and already can speak freely I might have been a little more quiet, and the supervisors a little more talkative)

Not sure about that, I don't know exactly what the added value would be.



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



Comments:

It was fine!

Time schedule was very good.

If it can be a little not too intensive...for example, back to hotel before 8?

I thought the breaks etc were well-scheduled but the days were very intensive

Very good. Well organized. Definitely better to have things to do rather than an empty schedule.

Mostly great, some coffee session were rushed which might have impacted concentration!

I think it would have been nice if the last day had been held at the hotel, like the first day, to minimize the time spent on transport back and forth.

I admit it is not an easy job. There were too many presentations squeezed into short time. Most can only apply a limited amount of thoughtful reflecting during a day. Too many presentations got too little reflection.

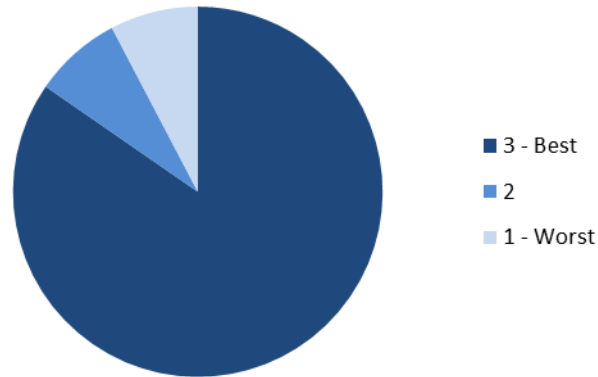
The schedule was very dense with respect to presentations. I think it should be rebalanced to include more activities outside of the lecture room and slightly fewer presentations. This would make it easier to focus during the long days. I understand the point of having long days to make good use of the time though.

Some of the days were VERY long which I think was a shame with respect to the late presenters. I understand that the programme has to cover as much as possible (which was nice), but if the program is very long there has to be some physical activation where one can leave the lecture room in the afternoon (like the Janssen tour).

We got a lot a lot of useful information what was fun. The schedule was planned and maintained amazingly. For me it was very busy. I had hardly some time for myself to absorb more deeply all information and emotions I got through. I guess I would appreciate more free time, to socialize naturally but not on the account of sleeping time ;)

The overall length was long. However, the variation in the program and the nice breaks compensated this for a big part. :-)

How satisfied were you with the workshop venue (meeting room and equipment, break area, sitting order, etc.)? 3 (best) – 1 (worst)



Comments:

Great auditorium, very professional settings with microphones at the chairs etc

Very high standard

Fantastic lecture theatre. The seminar room in the hotel (only first day) was not well enough ventilated

Hotel was nice and Janssen was very posh!

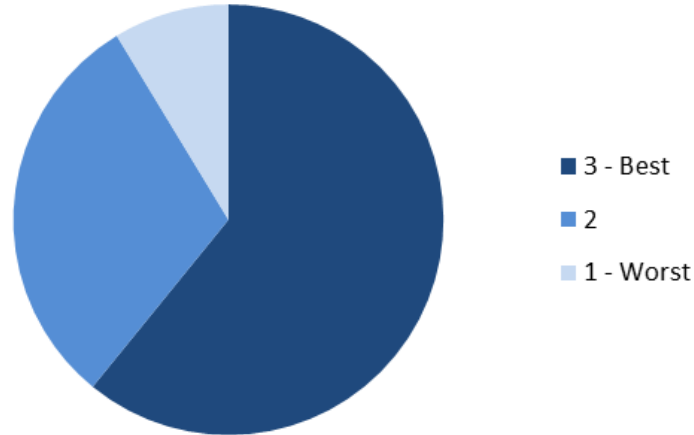
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Everything was perfect

Fine but too much transport

Great venue, good equipment, very good food. Totally satisfied.

How satisfied were you with the hotel? 3 (best) – 1 (worst)



Comments:

Nice hotel, good location

Rooms and breakfast were good.

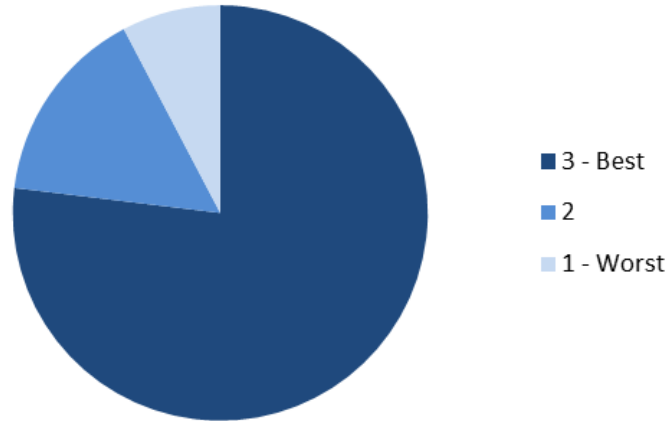
Not 4 star but it was clean, nice food and good service.

Useful, practical, the service was fine, but I didn't like at all that I had to send my credit card data in that unsecured way....it was weird. But the service was fine.

The arrival could be managed in a better way. The hotel reception was not really prepared to check in that many persons at once.

I even can not find a kettle...

How satisfied were you with the food? 3 (best) – 1 (worst)



Comments:

Excellent.

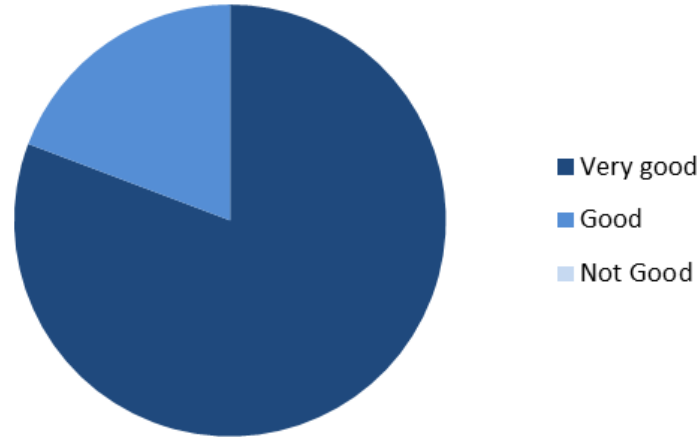
Very nice food. I am glad that I have now tried the "running dinner"-concept.

Great care from Janssen. Feeling spoiled ;)

Love it... maybe it will be even better that we can eat more warm food?

Food was great!

What is your overall opinion of the EMTRAIN PhD workshop?



Comments:

Great initiative which I will recommend to other PhD students.

You made a very nice workshop which I have already recommended to some of my colleagues (PhD students)

it was really well organized. It was really interesting but sometimes also a bit exhausting. But still very good.

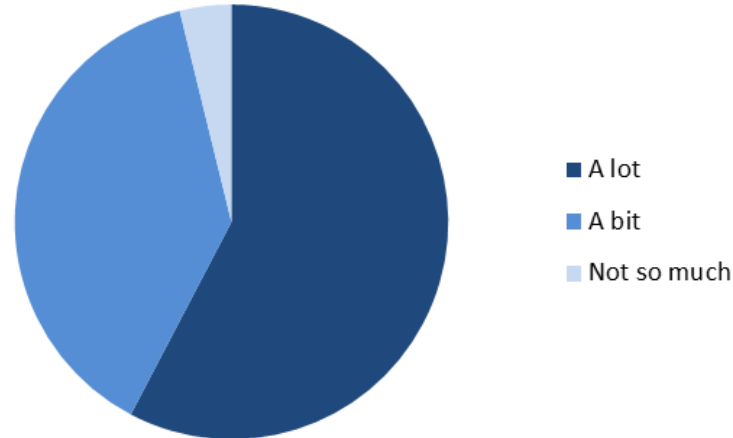
Really great initiative.

Amazing. I loved it, and would come again....thank you much!

I liked the number of students - not too many, not too little

I learned a lot, I liked the setup. It was a very intense but useful workshop.

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



Comments:

I chose 2 (a bit) simply because I already before had a good industry awareness from working in the pharma sector for a long time. However, if that had not been the case I'm sure my awareness would have increased significantly as a result of this workshop.

I already work in the pharma industry, so I have not gained as much as non-pharma PhD students would.

I knew a lot to start with but certainly learned more.

But I would be happy to know, what are our possibilities as students, or finishing students to join industry or what kind of academy-industry cooperation are needed, beside PhD in industry programs.

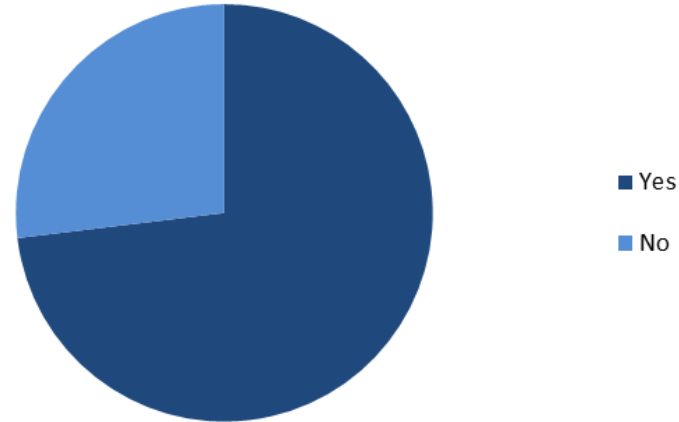
I was already aware of difficulties during drug development, but now I even realize more how complex this field is.

But that changed to a 3 during!

For me it was an eye-opener (being from the university side mostly).



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



Comments:

I learn a lot from the workshop...

No, I will have graduated by next year!

No, My last time as PhD is pretty much plan

To build a larger network of friends and help other delegates.

I have already seen some benefits of new connections made during emtrain and this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded scientists.

I see value in the workshop and it is so diverse that you can always learn something new

Beacaus it was a very nice workshop with a (generally) very good programme. Good interactions between the students and nice people/hosts who had arranged the workshop.

No, learned a lot of things during this workshop but I don't think that it would be so interesting for a second time.

it was great opportunity, and I think because of the "first time" I didn't use it in the best way

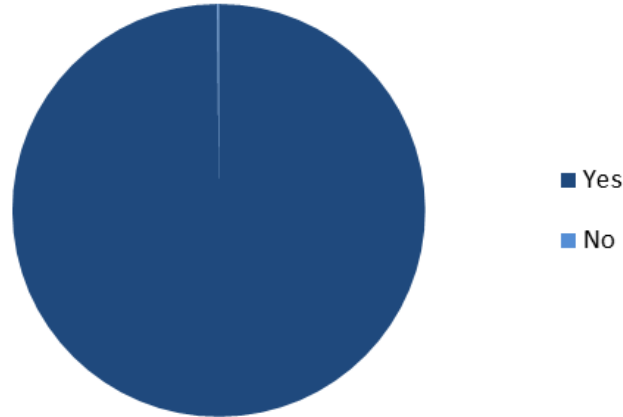
I am eager to participate in futures EMTRAIN PhD Workshop in order to increase my knowledge in the field of public private partnership and its various elements, especially to implement acquired information at home in both my medical practice and academic activity at my University. I would really like that this partnership will implement in Ukraine, which will allow to increase research opportunities.

I found it very useful - particularly for learning more about industry and meeting different PhD students

No, I think it is a very good workshop, but there are still a lot of other courses to follow! :-)

I really liked it, learned a lot. Great people that I met there, so yeah I would definitely have another go if I could.

Would you recommend the workshop to others?



Comments:

Network, knowledge gained.

For the networking opportunity.

Others, who could use a good broad insight into Pharma industry and IMI

Great way for develop various scientific skills. Intensive science-driven program, presenting, networking, ...

Already have. Same comments as in 26.

It was a very interesting workshop. I learned many things on drug industry and this workshop was a great opportunity to increase my network.

Already did and I think it is a must for every PhD student for industry awareness

Yes, of course I will advise to take part at the EMTRAIN PhD Workshop to my colleagues. Since that the EMTRAIN PhD Workshop is invaluable platform to prepare PhD students for a any scientific activities, including public speaking, abstract preparation etc. The EMTRAIN PhD Workshop personally gave me new knowledge in various areas of medicine and the pharmaceutical industry works.

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Highly. Because it was a nice small workshop who allowed networking in a nicely way. I would have liked more time in the evenings for social events (instead of a lecture) however it was still good

Because I think it was a great learning experience and a good networking challenge.



Do you have any further comments?

Comments:

Thanks for the organization!

Thank you

Thanks for a well organized and stimulating workshop!

Thanks for a great experience!

As I mentioned during the evaluation session I we had been given a very nice chance to get an idea of what was going on in the industry. However, I had anticipated that the relevant industry project leaders/members would also have gotten an idea of what we were doing. I.e. seen our presentations. I understand that the, generally very high-level, Janssen people that presented did not have an entire day for our presentations. But having feedback on your project (eg within AD) from e.g. a project leader (AD) in the industry would have been of great value. As Morag Watson said it very well: "I would have loved to pick an expert's brain"

Thank you so much for organizing the workshop. I don't think we had time to give you ample recognition for your hard work.

Thank you very much again. Wish you the best luck in the future. You are doing a special work, special people :)

Once again, I would like thanks to all EMTRAIN PhD Workshop team for fantastic seminar and look forward to further cooperation.

Well done! :-)

No more. Thank you for giving me chance to attend. It was great

Thanks for having me :)