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Events for June 2016

Ken Kemphues Symposium | 3 June
Academic symposium ft. a talk on science policy and patent law (3:00 PM)
Location: G10 Biotech. 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. No registration. Click here for info.

ASAP SciPol Trip | 8-10 June
Excursion to the nation’s capital for insight into the active process of science policy
Location: Washington, D.C. Please contact Susi Varvayanis (sv27@cornell.edu).

Understanding the Tech Transfer Role | 8 June
CTL session into the inventor’s role in aspects of tech transfer
Location: 213 Kennedy Hall. 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Please contact alm385@cornell.edu.

Science to Medicine Forum | 10 June
Symposium on current career opportunities at Regeneron
Location: Tarrytown, NY. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Please register here.

Lab Safety Bootcamp | 27 (afternoon), 28 (all day), 29 (morning)
LSI’s 24 hour course on best practices for ensuring lab safety and compliance
Location: Rm 140, 395 Pine Tree Rd. Click for here more info and to register.

For the complete set of events, make sure to check the BEST Events Section

The Professional Network: Lessons from the NIH Careers Symposium
On May 6th, hundreds of graduate students and postdocs attended the NIH Careers Symposium, hosted in Bethesda, MD. Hosted by NIH personnel and professionals from around the country, the symposium’s multiple sessions offered ample opportunity to learn about academic and non-academic professions.

Beyond the Q&A rounds and plenary speakers, what stood out was the opportunity to physically engage with established professionals and actively ask them advice on career development. The relaxed yet professional style of the symposium facilitated this interaction, aided by the ambition and variety of interest/experiences present among the audience.

I was surprised to learn which steps I was taking towards my development were good (and bad). Above all, the importance of following up with potential mentors remained stuck in my head. Oftentimes, putting your professional network to work is the only way to make it count towards your future.

BEST at the 3MT Competition
BEST would like to congratulate BESTie Sachi Horibata for winning the 3MT Competition this past April. Her presentation focused on drug resistance in cancer. After completing her Ph.D., she plans on taking a postdoctoral fellowship at the NIH.

Go ahead, fraternize with failure!
Read Divya Shiroor’s next NIH BEST blog.