

○ **Past events**

- Jul 21, Digital Tools for Scientists: Collaborative Writing
  - Ferdinando
  - Piiha , Diana attended among others. Found the digital tools very useful
  - Evaluations passed around and this is a useful feedback for organizing future events
  - Second event in this series will be organized by Ferdinando
- July 22, Transitioning from Academia to Consulting
  - Cynthia, Jessica
  - 3 panelists, questions were given to speakers apriori
  - Recruited 20 more members (total 50+) members interested in consulting
  - Good evaluations
  - Website about consulting under construction (Cynthia is in contact with MGH HR and IT, Sarah and Jeremy working on website)
  - Workshop on consulting “case practice” being organized
- Aug 4, Pub night & ICE club networking
  - Carla
  - Event was a success (15 people from industry – mostly former post-docs)
  - >30 attended. Needed more food. Positive feedback from industry as well as post-docs
  - Plan to organize it again at Mead Hall
  - Carla: Collect and compile emails to share with others
- Aug 5, Scientific Editing and Publishing
  - Ashley
  - Went well. 60 people attended.
  - Feedback was good and will be circulated by Ashley.
- Aug 10, ICE Club: Writing a CV for Industry
  - Annalisa, Sanaz
  - Gigris: 60+ attended
  - Got positive feedback
  - Formed groups of ~6 to discuss CV along with industry representative
  - Need to start earlier to organize such an event (most CV’s arrived in the last 3 days)
  - Some were going to multiple tables with CV. Organizers need to pay attention to “time hogging” by some post-docs

○ **News, announcements, business for review**

- MGPA Executive Board appointments, 2015-2016
- MGPA Planning Committee list (Google groups)
  - Ferdinando has list (Google group)
  - Only MGPA members who are actively involved are in this group
- Google docs: Subcommittees, Program contacts
  - Carla will be added as owner of the Google group by Ferdinando
  - Carla will add documents (Flyers, agenda, etc.) to Google Drive
  - Daniela: Advertising the MGPA and ORCD to new post-docs. Need to do better. Suggestion: Add information about MGH and ORCD to broadcast emails.

- Get sub-committee blurbs
- Protocol for scheduling programs
  - If the sub-committee members want to organize events, please check with Ann/MGPA about scheduling room for the right date before inviting speakers
- **Upcoming events and initiatives**
  - Website – Mathias and Brad
    - Events page updated and formatted now
    - We need feedback on how to improve website
    - Funding opportunities, housing and other parts of the website are old (outdated?)
    - Link to booklet on housing (MGH International Office)
  - September programs
    - Sept. 2: Pub night at Pier 6 (Carla)
      - Charlestown Pier 6
    - 9/2, 9/16 or 9/24: Int'l MD Mock Interviews for Medical Residency (Lucia)
      - Lucia meeting with Dr.Beats and other potential Profs. to discuss availability.
      - Suggestion: Contact chief resident or other residents (instead of Profs.)
    - Sept. 21: ICE Club: Industry Mock Interview (Ferdinando, Finola)
      - Panel discussion: 7 panelists
      - Show video of “volunteer interview” in the beginning
      - Breakout into smaller groups
      - Need “crowd control”. Volunteers: Carla, Ashley, Shawn and Daniela.
      - At Raegon (Strict time limit)
    - Sept. 22: Postdoc Appreciation Ice Cream Social (ORCD – Ann)
      - Free ice cream!
      - In Charlestown this year
  - October programs
    - Oct. tbd: Pub night/ICE club networking (Carla)
    - Oct. 12-23 tbd: Academic Job Search panel discussion (Rohith)
      - Shawn, Ribhu Nayar volunteered to help
    - Oct. 26: Science Communication (Piiha); Speaker: Eliz. Appleby
      - Talk about power point presentations
      - Bring your slides : Speaker will critique slides
  - Future programs
    - November tbd: How to showcase yourself/find a job using social media (Carla)
      - Carla contact from MassBio event
      - LinkedIn
      - (1) Finding job via social media (2) Social Media + Science career
    - Digital publishing (Ferdinando)
      - Part of Publishing Series
      - Need room and date (Nov)
      - Speaker: William Gunn (also librarian)
    - How to prepare a K-award (Jacqueline)

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- MGPA has panel every year (K-99)
- Current events are for clinical fellows
- There is a seminar for MGH clinical fellows where K-awards are discussed

Next monthly meeting: September, to be determined