

○ **Past events**

- Sept. 2: Pub night at Pier 6 (Carla)
  - Outdoor – lots of people new and old (Carla met Any there – new participant)
  - Good event overall
- Sept. 21: ICE Club: Industry Mock Interview (Ferdinando, Finola)
  - Went well – good verbal feedback
  - **Finola** will prepare a document with instructions as to how she organized the events and do's and do not's for preparation of future events
    - For example – Monday's are not great for events because it is difficult to provide email reminders
  - Some people told Finola they liked the location – no negatives verbally indicated
    - **Carla suggested adding "do you like the location / time" question to MGPA surveys handed out at events**
- Sept. 22: Postdoc Appreciation Ice Cream Social (ORCD – Ann)
  - This was the first year done at CNY (past done in Thier)
  - About ½ the number of people attended compared to last year
    - Find that when do events at CNY get about ½ attendees
  - **Perhaps have indoors in the future because was a bit cold for ice cream**

○ **Upcoming events and initiatives**

- Website – Matthias and Brad
  - Update housing links
    - Have updated the website – Events page + Board
    - We've been getting more spam emails about leasing websites
      - **Decided we should provide links to internal MGH and Harvard housing websites for incoming postdocs**
      - **Perhaps mention that many other websites (e.g., Craigslist, Zillow) are helpful – but do NOT provide active links**
        - **Matthias** indicated he and **Brad** can do this
  - We are missing the MD + consulting subcommittees information – **Zaid** will take care of the MD information – need to talk to **Cynthia** about consulting description
    - **Could link the subcommittees page to the LinkedIn page**
- MGPA Planning Committee list (Google groups)
  - Subcommittees, Program contacts (Carla)
    - For planning an event we will now have a new format
      - When a flyer is ready Daniela will upload it to Google Drive
      - New contacts will be added to the Contacts list on Google Drive (provide who contacted them, when, and for what reason)
      - After completing an event, organizers should provide a document on how they organized and executed their event

- September programs
  - Sept. 28: Int'l MD Mock interview for MD (Lucia) – 3-4pm Their Conference Room
    - Have 3 panelists – a Program Director, a Resident from the Surgery Dept., and a Fellow in Cardiology
    - Will have an initial presentation on the Do's and Don'ts for Interviews
    - Will then break into 2 groups
      - 1 will do a mock surgery residency interview (20 min)
      - 1 will do a mock medial intern interview (20 min)
    - 1.5 h maximum for the event
    - 34 people registered so far
    - 5 people have volunteered to be mock interviewed – Lucia will pick 2 today and let them know
    - ORCD will provide snacks and beverages – NO coffee
    - Need to order microphones
      - Whoever administrator (Natalia / Amy) will order
      - Lucia may have to pick them up
      - Administrator will also bring surveys
- October programs
  - Oct. 1st: Pub night/ICE club networking (Carla)
    - Already have 10 Industry guests confirmed for Pub Night
    - Need to post flyers – will be done today
    - Has already been advertised via social media
    - Needs 2 colors of name tags – Postdocs vs Industry
    - Will be at Mead Hall
  - Oct. 12-23 tbd: Academic Job Search panel discussion (Rohith)
    - Rohith has contacted quite a few people (11 emails) – (has 1 confirmation from someone at a Teaching college – most unavailable)
    - Brian Spring – has accepted a new position at Northeastern – possibly get him
    - Then we need an HMS or big research PI for an established faculty example
      - Ashley and Finola will ask their Postdoc advisors ; Ribhu will ask her PhD advisor from UMass Worcester
    - Would like to have 4 panelists
    - Oct. 20, 5-7 pm at Simches is the current tentative date/time
  - Oct. 26: Science Communication (Piiha); Speaker: Eliz. Appleby
    - Piiha is all set
    - Ideally we will have everyone who signs up submit slides
      - Will ask them when we send the confirmation email
        - Have them submit to MGPA email
- Future programs
  - How to showcase yourself/find a job using social media (Carla)
    - Has not had a chance to work on this
    - Went to Harvard Biotech Fair (protein institute – good blogger and tweater from Australia) – think he could be a good speaker
    - But no structure as of yet

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- Digital publishing (Ferdinando)
  - Not here – need to follow up
- How to prepare a K-award (Jacqueline)
  - Not here – need to follow up
- Protocol for scheduling programs (Ann)
  - Reminder to email Brad or Matthias with program date and time  
When you are setting up a program – if you find your own room let Ann know before you start inviting people  
\*\*We now have a checklist so we need to put into Google Drive for how to organize a program
- Postdoc survey progress (Ann)
  - Ann brought a copy of the survey for everyone – will add their own comments on their hard copies and will give these edits to Ann directly  
Carla also has edits from our previous discussion of this  
Hoping to send this out by the end of the month

### Additional Points of Discussion

- Amy agreed to help Carla with the Networking Subcommittee
  - Amy is on the Events Committee for the Beacon Hill neighborhood – she knows people in the restaurant industry, etc so can ask if we can have some space for Pub Nights
- Finola has also volunteered to help with the Networking Subcommittee and organizing Pub Nights
- Question from Ribhu: Do we have any retirement benefits? – No
  - Postdocs have asked in the past – but because it is a training position the hospital is not willing to offer any benefits
  - We can put money into a 401B
  - Hospital currently losing money and cutting programs – so not going to budge
    - Which is why we try to move people through postdoc quickly
- Finola had a suggestion for an Alumni networking event
  - Ann is setting up an alumni group on LinkedIn
    - MGH does not centrally track the people leaving – we should change this
  - Perhaps get people to sign up for the alumni network during orientation?
  - An idea that a postdoc had several years ago – giving alumni an alumni email address
    - Now that our emails are mgh.harvard.edu – so perhaps we could do this (partners would not allow)
    - Could we get post.mgh.harvard.edu
    - Who should we contact? – Ask someone in Harry Orf's office (VP)
      - He would know how to do it because he was involved in implementing mgh.harvard.edu
      - Rohith and Carla will be attending a meeting with Harry so could bring it up at the meeting for the MGPA update

- **Shawn** mentioned that we should try to keep the website updated with events happening outside of MGH (e.g. Harvard, MIT) – lots to take advantage of that would not be advertised here
  - Perhaps work with Matthias and Brad on this?
- **Finola** said she's found that the CNY flyers are not being properly posted – Security seems to be forgetting to complete this task – **we need to get a physical person to post the flyers from MGPA**
- **We should start doing every other week MGPA update emails**
  - Starting with next week – send an update email on Monday with a reminder for Pub Night (Oct. 1) and other October events
  - Do not send an update for the MD Mock Interviews as they are already over capacity

Next monthly meeting: October, Date TBD (CNY) – *meetings will alternate between Main Campus and CNY for 2015-2016*