OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Research Commons 12-1pm

Background: The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA), the Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC), advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

General PDA Business

Sara Koenig and Leanna Perez

- Reminder about the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival at the Union
- Updates about Authorship Guidelines (Co-Chairs reviewed proposed guidelines): it would apply to all postdocs / few changes have been made but nothing available to view shortly on the Senate website?

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)

Marcela Hernandez

- 2019 Events for the OPA: Marcela sent an email on the listserv listing all the upcoming events Check it out and mark your calendar (due to co-sponsoring spots are opened to graduate students so think about it for getting your spot- sign up early!)
- Volunteer reminder: Don't forget the volunteer's list sent by Maxine earlier this month to have volunteers for
 your event and don't forget to update the spreadsheet for the OPA to take that in account for the credit of
 the volunteers

International Committee

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- Tax Session for International Postdocs: January 25th (Friday) from 12-2 PM with Jeffery Mason;
 Research Commons Rm 350
- Looking for another co-chair

Social Committee

Ayala Allon and Jennifer Gomez Pastora

- Updates from Happy Hour on Jan 25th at the BrewDog Short North
- Next Happy Hour: Feb 22, District Pour House
- Update on Feb Coffee Break at the Biomedical Research Tower
- Updates on International Postdoc Potluck at the Buckeye Village Recreation Hall SUCCESS
- Distributed social Events Survey- 161 people answered a Facebook group do exist Happy hour and coffee break are the main events postdocs want to attend even if they lack time to do it Survey available on the Box to check the answers. Social Ice cream is not interesting all of the surveyed community Picnic better during the summer Kid friendly events are asked: picnic/movie... (cf. the ppt for details)
- Recruiting new social committee chair! Ayala is stepping down by the end of March

Professional Development Committee

Angela Filous and Mahesh Chemudupati

- Networking event with Rev1 ventures: informal session about how to work at a start-up after a 1 hour seminar
- College of Arts and Sciences Industry connections team meeting to discuss the career fair. Industry
 connection team at OSU has been reached out and the PDA career affair will be merged to an existing
 one A Meet and Greet session especially for postdocs is in preparation At the end of the first day,

round tables with one-on-one interviews and/or small groups will be scheduled to discuss with employers – It will be good to send your resume before the meeting so that the meeting will be more productive – Maybe a training session will be scheduled based on postdocs feedback? The existing career affair has tips on their website for postdocs to prepare for their interview – Maybe putting together a list of trainings/workshops/website existing to prepare the interview if postdocs ask for it

- Feb 25th: BioOhio event at OSU
- March 18th: career affair: targeting undergrad and grad students but opened to Postdocs too

Policy and Advocacy Committee

Leo Taylor and Hardy Castada

- Know Your Rights" workshops! Training/seminar date and location TBD coming soon / need volunteers!
- Ongoing Parking Permit Eligibility Survey 150 answers so far- still opened for the next 3 weeks What's next? Make a proposal to a specific person from the Parking permits service asking for an extension for B permit option for postdocs
- Trip to the NPA Conference © work on progress for preparing the Poster to be presented

Development Committee

Nathalie Houssin

- Spring Undergraduate Research Festival: March 26th 2019 at the Union. Link accessible on the PDA website for applying to the event: https://u.osu.edu/postdocs/events/research-experience-showcase/
 Applications are accepted until March 1 2019
 Still a week for applying to the event
- Flash-Talk Showdown sponsored by ThermoFisher: May 8th 2019 in BRT 115 from 8am to 12pm. Link accessible on the PDA website for applying to the event: https://u.osu.edu/postdocs/flash-talk-showdown/ There is a limited amount of timeslots (22 participants max)
 - 2 sessions of flash talk offered with a judging committee composed of 2 faculties, 2 postdocs and 1 Thermofisher representative. Each presentation will last 3 minutes followed by few questions. Travel awards and certificates Meeting with the Thermofisher representatives March 1 to discuss the details of their Panel Presentation. A workshop is scheduled for April (date to come) to prepare the participants with their presentation. The attendance will be participating to the vote of the best presentation.
- PDA/VWR Vendor Show meeting: September 20th 2019 BRT 115.

 Meeting with the VWR representatives next week (February 25th) to start the organization of the Vendor Show 2019
- Development committee recruiting

The development committee is still recruiting **volunteers**! This committee is central to help the PDA fundraising and giving exposure to the postdoc community through sponsored events. It is also a good opportunity to learn more about OSU organization.

If you are interesting in joining the committee, please email me directly: houssin.1@osu.edu

Travel awards Manoj Gottipati

Updates about the Travel Awards for the 2019 Summer period
 Round opening: March 1st to March 15th for travel between 1st of April and 31st of August 2019 – 3 awards of \$750 each

Feedback of the former winners is welcome to know how efficient was the process for getting the award

Website Admin and Marketing

Manoj Gottipati

- Please send event updates at least 1-2 weeks ahead of time so that Manoj can post everything in a timely manner
- New plans for website updates in 2019

Treasurer Nathalie Houssin

• Our current balance is \$12,243.87

Secretary Laura Chavez

• Next PDA meeting will be March 20th, 11:30am to 1:30pm, DHLRI 165