JULY PDA MEETING – 07/29/2014

In attendance:

Dr. Amy Savage (PDA President)
Dr. Megan Andrews (PDA President-Elect)
Dr. Pandiyarajan Chinnayan Kannan (Secretary)
Dr. Alexander Franke (International Officer)
Dr. Holly Goyert (CNR Representative)
Dr. Andrea Arnold
Dr. Lorenzo Concia
Dr. Sarah Ehling
Dr. Ying Liu
Dr. Margarita Lopez-Uribe
Dr. Olu Omotowa
Dr. Barry Pemberton
Dr. Warren Sconius
Dr. Francesco Tiezzi

Lot of new postdoc’s showed up in the meeting

Amy’s speech about NCSU-PDA

- Professional development awards/workshops (OPA)
- Courses available for postdocs listed in the website as well as Nisha sends email about it
- Guest lectures are often organized by OPA (Nisha)
- Feel free to interact with postdocs
- Increasing the network of the postdocs community
- Family picnic at Pullen Park
- Science communication workshop/give talk to the public
- Making NCSU a better place for postdocs

International committee meetings

- Special needs for postdocs
- Visa, tax communication help
- Monthly email from OIS
- PDA Questions to settle down
- Orientation for new POSTDOC’S (Nisha/Amy)
- There is a change in structure of the postdoc orientation program
- Blog for postdocs
- Basic information’s are available in FB, TWITTER, NCSU postdoc’s site

College representative committee

- What our roll would be?
- Propose a meeting with your college/group and talk to them
- Invite foreign language postdocs
- Coordinate with social committee

**Social committee**
- Monday running/ happy hour on Friday
- Local band local beer nice place to visit
- Join your postdocs for social life (going for an restaurant)
- Hiking/running events are available for postdocs organized by PDA

**Diversity committee**
- Formulated the goals for diversity committee
- Breakdown postdocs by college/gender/nationality
- Half of the POSTDOCS are internationals
- 1/3 is female mainly from biological studies
- Comparing with other universities to know what’s happening there