

ECNP Network «Preclinical Data Forum» Training Workshop for Young Scientists “How to Make Preclinical Research Robust”

On July 3-5, 2017, a three-day training workshop was organized by the Preclinical Data Forum Network in Heidelberg, Germany, in order to enhance awareness and to help junior scientists to further develop their experimental skills, with prime focus on experimental design to generate high quality, robust, reproducible and relevant data ([LINK TO THE ECNP WEBSITE](#)). Sixteen young scientists from various European countries (Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine) and the USA, mostly at postdoctoral level, attended the workshop. ECNP provided eight travel awards. The workshop participants were highly motivated, engaged and interested to further improve their research practice, making this a very interactive course with many discussions that informally continued with the lecturers during coffee breaks and meals. The feedback provided by the students at the end of the workshop was very positive. For example, responding to the question “Did the information discussed and provided during the Workshop match your expectations”, all answers were “exceeded expectation”. More importantly, all participants indicated that participation in this Workshop was very likely (60% responses) or likely (40%) to affect their own future research practices. Given the good resonance by the meeting participants, the Network feels encouraged to continue these educational activities in the future. We hope that the participants of the workshop will act as future ambassadors for robust preclinical research.