

Minutes of Einstein Postdoctoral Association (EPA)- Meeting on may 2nd, 2012

Total number of postdocs present: 11

Carola Wilczek

Komal Rasaputra

Valeria Antico Arciuch

Melissa James

Ulrich Kadolsky

Sonja Schaetzlein

Christophe Lemetre

Zoi Tampaki

Adrian Santos

Katie Stiles

Regina Hanstein

Missing: Marika Russo, Jeannine Gerhardt, Brian English, Cristina Caescu, Thomas Jandl, Fernando Bruno, Natalie Simon de Monerri, Deepak Jayakumar, Paul Bacchus, Sanal Madhusudana Girija

Topics discussed with all the reps

1. National Postdoctoral Meeting-

Carola shared all the feedback from the NPA meeting. She was asked to write an article about the EPA for the postdoc journal so once she has it ready, she will send it to the Reps before it gets published.

2. **EPA webpage-** The updated website is currently working. Ulrich and Christophe asked for some new pictures to include.

3. **Survival kit-** We agreed that every time that the Reps are informed of a new incoming postdoc, he/she has to report to the co-chairs to make sure that everyone is welcomed and informed about the EPA activities.

4. **Interdepartmental Seminar-** The first 3 interdepartmental seminars were a success but we need to choose new in-charge Reps. Thomas had previously volunteered and Christophe offered his help as well.

5. **QOLC survey for postdocs-** All the Reps were informed about the results of the survey conducted by the QOLC. This year we have had a better response and the committee is in the process of analyzing the results in order to process them and compare with last year's.

6. **Future projects-** We discussed the idea of having our own budget either with vendor exhibitions, a "bake sale" or having a separated amount from the Belfer budget for any prospective projects. We updated all the Reps about this and encouraged them to let us know if they have any new ideas.

7. **General-**

- Adrian Santos volunteered to conduct a survey about Health Insurance options especially for those who have their own fellowship.
- Everyone was informed about the idea of Belfer installing internet in the postdoc housing and having the bill included in the monthly rent (which would make the cost more affordable).
- All the Reps were informed about the outcome of the Town Hall Meeting, the last Senate meeting and the Belfer Advisory Committee Meeting.