

BEST @ CORNELL

Events for October 2016

Communicating Complex Research | 14 October

Workshop on presenting scientific research. Presented by Jean-Luc Doumont
Location: 226 Weill. 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Click [here](#) for info and registration

ProSky +BEST Product Management Training | 24 Oct – 2 Dec -online

Advocacy and Communication Training Workshop | 27 October

Develop your skills in communicating with policy makers. Hosted by ASAP
Location: 100 Mann. Click [here](#) for info updates

Rochester Pre-Seed Workshop | 27-28 October, 4 November

Workshop on the commercialization of one's own technology
Location: Rochester, NY. Click [here](#) for registration. Register by 10/14

Entrepreneurship Summit '16 | 4 November

Symposium featuring industry leaders and networking sessions
Location: 242 W 41st St, New York, NY. Click [here](#) for info and registration

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Perspectives – The Post-Doc Leadership Program

by Jin Liang, Ph.D.

The topic of the first module of Postdoc Leadership Program was "Understanding Leadership and Personal Style". After a brief introduction of a leadership behavior model and the goal of the program, we spent most of the workshop on the exploration of personalities by evaluating our own behavior in the four MBTI behavior dimensions because different identifiable behavior patterns are resulted from different personalities.

For each dimension, we not only discussed different types of behavior patterns, but also the organizational impacts of those behavior patterns. For example, if a team member's behavior pattern in "Data" dimension is "intuition", the leader would want to encourage his/her creativity while making sure that he/she pays attention to the details and deadlines. In my own words, the module really helped everyone start observing and thinking about the behavior patterns of people (including ourselves) from a leadership point of view.

Jin Liang is a postdoctoral associate at the Weill Institute for Cell & Molecular Biology

Seeking the next Editor of this newsletter

After a year conceptualizing and creating the BEST Newsletter, Victor Aguilar is moving his efforts to try to form a SciComm@Cornell graduate student club. He would like to cede the reins to the next BESTie who would like to try their hand at interviewing interesting people for *Spotlight* articles, and seeking different *Perspectives* that trainees can share with our readers. Please contact us with your indication of interest! We are open to groups of people working together.

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Victor Aguilar, Editor-in-chief

BEST HIGHLIGHTS



-Creating Something New

Old tools do not always work as they should. Born with a desire to "create something new",

Wisler Charles, Ph.D. has been a success in making new things. While studying the development of brain malformations in neonates, Charles always devoted time towards the pursuit of that something new. As an entrepreneur and mentor, his focus fell on developing new teaching methods.

"Creation is a very different experience from working hard," he would recall. The teaching tool he has designed with a team assembled from across the country mimics a videogame, employing multiplayer dynamics and AI technology to reach, interest, and educate students.

In addition to this educational tool, Charles has been tinkering with new ideas ranging from green energy technologies to human diagnostic tools.

"[The goal is to make] things more efficient," Charles said with respect to the technology he works on. His secret for doing so? A natural leader, Charles has created an established network of business leaders and has a talent for sharing his vision. He recently won the People's Choice Award at Life Changing Labs. Looking back, he understands the motivation behind his interests and passion for the BEST Program. "It always feels good to be around like-minded individuals."

Dr. Wisler Charles graduated in 2016 from the Brian Rudd laboratory. Outside of startups, he spends ample time networking. His dream is to relocate to California.

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