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The ISBT Young Professional's Council (YPC)

The ISBT Young Professional's Council (YPC) organized a number of activities at the 29th Regional Congress held in Basel. The aim of the young professional's breakfast was to give youthful transfusion scientists and practitioners an opportunity to meet up with the experts in the field of transfusion. The 1-hour event brought together 42 transfusion researchers/scientists from 19 countries.



We held round table discussions led by experts in the field of key transfusion areas including immunohematology, donors and donation, transfusion transmitted infectious diseases, blood supply management, hemovigilance, clinical transfusion, novel technologies and cellular therapy. The breakfast provided a networking opportunity for the young investigators amongst themselves and with the experts in the various fields. The participants had a chance to share experiences from their countries and their work. Challenges were shared and participants found that they faced similar situations. Around the tables career progression from diverse backgrounds was also discussed. At the end of the breakfast selfies were taken and email addresses exchanged. The breakfast is a great way to meet and keep in touch with colleagues from around the world.



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Below are the feedback comments from attendees;

"I think the Young Investigator's breakfast is a great initiative to discuss young researcher's work with experts, besides the speed-date session as the perfect networking initiative. Both sessions encourage young investigators to get connected and be involved in transfusion medicine research."

"Thank you for the time you spent organizing the different events for the congress and throughout the year. It's nice to feel that there is some space for YI in ISBT."

"It was my first ISBT congress and I enjoyed the congress and the initiative to encourage the young professional investigators. I hope to have other opportunity to participate to the ISBT congress. Thank you!!"

The YPC team looks forward to having an even more engaging meeting next year. We intend to give the young investigators more time to interact with the experts and have more in-depth discussions on career paths in transfusion science. We look forward to meeting more young transfusion scientists and practitioners at the ISBT European congress in Barcelona next year.

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