TAE Trainees Day 2018: 21 April 2018, 13:15-16:00

Additional information for moderators

How the session works

The purpose of these round tables is to give younger professionals the chance to talk to experts who were once in the same position in an informal setting. In addition, we expect that it will build stronger links between senior experts and professionals at the start of their career. We hope that you will share your career choices with those interested in your field, discuss ideas and guide young trainees who are still developing their career. Your own personal path may be an inspiration to someone else, for example, on how to combine research with residency or how to build networks.

The participants will apply for one of the fifteen of the expert tables of their choice to talk about their career and will be able to submit questions (optional) that the moderator will receive before the session. Of course, discussion is not limited to these questions, but we decided to implement this since some participants may not feel comfortable asking questions in English spontaneously.

At 13:15 moderators should be prepared to welcome participants and are asked to stress that the purpose of the session is for them to get guidance on their careers not to discuss specific “science”-related questions. Moderators should stop discussions about these topics if they are still brought up since this is not the aim of this session.

Participants will have been given the following sample questions and will have been told to consider the next step in their career path when preparing for this session.

Sample questions

1. What are the pros and cons one needs to consider when choosing a career path in one of the following? 1) academia, 2) public hospital, 3) private hospital 4) industry
2. Which skills are important to acquire to become more competitive for each one of the afore-mentioned career orientations?
3. Which of the above is the best career option regarding work-life balance, income, etc.?
4. Do I need a Master’s degree? Do I need a PhD? What for?
5. What are the criteria for choosing a specific research field?
6. How do I become independent in research?
7. What are some important considerations regarding research grant applications?
8. Are there specific restrictions applying to CM or ID when it comes to mobility between (European) countries?
9. What are the most important aspects in a letter of recommendation?
10. How do we choose a center for a clinical/research fellowship?