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EUREKA SINGAPORE INAUGURAL WORKSHOP

Summary notes

Attendees:

S/N	Name		Organisation
1	Prof Salvatore	Albani	Director, SingHealth Translational Immunology and Inflammation Centre (STIIC)
2	Prof Antonio	Bertoletti	Director, Duke-Nus Emerging Infectious Diseases
3	Dr Philippe	Bucky	GSK
4	Mr Ralph	Bunte	Duke-NUS/Research
5	Prof Patrick	Casey	Senior Vice Dean for Research, Duke-NUS
6	Asst Prof Ann-Marie	Chacko	Head, Laboratory for Translational & Molecular Imaging, Duke-NUS Medical Sch
7	AProf Derrick	Chan	Head & Senior Consultant, Neurology Service, KKH
8	Dr Su-Wan, Bianca	Chan	Senior Resident / Registrar, Singhealth KKH Pediatrics
9	Dr YinXia	CHAO	Associate Clinician Scientist, NNI
10	Ms Deblina	Chatterjee	Technology Development Manager, DUKE-NUS
11	Dr Jit Kong	Cheong	Instructor, CSCB, Duke-NUS Medical School
12	Ms Clara	Cheong	SICS
13	Dr Valerie	Chew	Junior PI, STIIC
14	Dr Tsung Wen	Chong	Consultant, Urology, SGH
15	Ms SuYing	Chua	Duke-NUS
16	Asst Prof Charles	Chuah	Cancer & Stem Cell Biology Programme, Duke-NUS
17	Mr Nee Hock, Alan	Chui	Executive, KKH
18	AProf Scott	Compton	Associate Dean, Duke-NUS Medical School
19	Prof David M.	Epstein	Associate Dean, Duke-NUS Medical School
20	Dr Sheng	Fu	Senior Executive, Paeds ACP
21	AProf William	Hwang	Cancer & Stem Cell Biology Programme, Duke-NUS
22	Ms Yuheng	Jiang	Grad Student, Duke-NUS
23	Dr Pavanish	Kumar	Research Fellow, STIIC
24	Ms LiYun	Lai	Research Fellow, STIIC
25	Mr Amad	Lajam	Dept of Rheumatology
26	AProf Hai Yang	Law	Senior Director, Research Paeds ACP
27	Dr Nicole	Lee	Manager, Research OBGYN ACP / KKH
28	Dr Ngee	Lek	Senior Consultant, KKH
29	Ms Katy	Leung	Senior consultant, SGH
30	Ms Natalie	Leung	SingHealth Office of Research
31	Mr Wilson	Low	Research Manager, Paeds ACP / KKH
32	Ms Pan	Lu	Biostatistician, STIIC
33	Ms Aida Mcreno	McRai	Duke-NUS
34	AProf Kee Chong	Ng	Chairman, Division of Medicine KKH & Academic Chair Paeds ACP
35	Dr Chin Teck	Ng	Consultant Rheumatologist, SGH
36	Dr Joanne	Ngeow	Senior Consultant, NCCS
37	Dr Maria	Noviani	Internal medicine resident (intern/HO), SingHealth, Changi General Hospital
38	Ms Yen May	Ong	Duke-NUS Comm
39	Ms Julia	Ong	Executive Manager, Eureka c/o STIIC
40	Dr Bhairav	Paleja	Research Fellow, STIIC
41	Dr Enrico	Petretto	Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disorders Programme, Centre for Computational Biology, Duke-NUS
42	Dr Kristy	Purnamawati	PhD, Translational Laboratory in Genetic Medicine, A*STAR
43	Dr Owen	Rackham	PhD, Duke-NUS
44	Dr Lakshmi	Ramakrishna	Centre Manager, STIIC
45	Mr Estar	Rino	Project Manager, SingHealth c/o STIIC
46	Ms Suzan	Saidin	Research Associate, STIIC
47	Dr A.	Takano	SGH
48	AProf Say Beng	Tan	Group Director, Research SingHealth
49	Ms Dawn	Tan	SingHealth Office of Research
50	Dr Erin	Teo	Manager (Research Strategic Support), KKH
51	Dr Benjamin	Toh	Assistant Head, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)
52	Ms Tricia	Wang	Executive, STIIC
53	Dr Kien Han, Andrew	Wee	Associate Consultant, SingHealth Polyclinics
54	Dr Joo Guan	Yeo	Associate Consultant, Division of Medicine KKH
55	Dr SH, George	Yeo	Chief of Obstetrics, KKH
56	Dr Wei	Zhou	Research Fellow, NNI
57	Ms Alrowa		Duke-NUS

Prof Salvatore Albani welcome the group of 57 attendees to the inaugural Eureka Singapore workshop. A short pre-recorded welcome video from the Eureka board members; Prof Berent Prakken and Prof Norman Rosenbaum was screened.

Prof Salvo shared his talk on “Concept of Druggability: Challenges and Opportunities” and welcomed questions from the participants.

Spontaneous questions were asked, ranges from the misconception that scientist/inventor was the most important in the process, who to focus - biotech, venture company or big pharma, regulatory risk assessment importance, IP management amid pressure to publish and views if n=1 trial concept was something to embrace.

A question from the floor on Eureka’s position lead us into the next segment of town hall discussion.

Prof Salvo started by sharing Eureka’s aim to compliment working together and extending this island wide. This is part of a worldwide network of several continental hubs. Its final objective is to create an international network of research and education (Research is translational and Education is to create a professional field). Eureka tries to help build this community worldwide and is now moving to a continental hub and locally, offering initiatives like this workshops, regulated network wide. There’s a central course on Translation Medicine which only takes 30 people selected from worldwide. More such initiatives in each hub.

There’s plan for 5 more workshops, encounters, mentorships to individuals, an opportunity for research network wide (such as resources to help young investigator with a good idea to leverage the immense resources of the network to help with travel or resources in-kind).

Eureka has just developed a database software called iEureka which will be launch soon. iEureka served as a network base which will connect its members with their “iHave” and “iNeed” seamlessly to enhance collaborations. Eureka members can register and indicate/update what they have and what they need on the system. Once an “iNeed” is received, the system will search its database for a match from the “iHave” list. Once a match is found, the system will make a link to both members.

A quick share from the ground showed the following;

- 1) Have lots of ideas but do not know what to do or how to proceed
- 2) Concerned about IP, finding the right people with core competence and trustworthy to work with.
- 3) Have projects in different fields like epilepsy, drug asset assessment, prostate cancer, antiviral immunity, lupus, autoimmune diabetes, early arthritis, osteoarthritis of the knee, cellular immunology, obstetrics gynaecology, down syndrome, liver cancer, and want to collaborate.
- 4) Many have expertise in various areas like; commercialisation, clinical research, radioactive licence, imaging facilities, phase I trials, Cytof, genetic disease,

technology, T-cell biology, bioinformatics analysis, microarray data, deep immune phenotyping liver cancer samples.

Prof Salvo thanked everyone for their spontaneous and generous sharing. He stresses that many individual are still not connected to the wide array of the network that's in existence and it is this unmet need that iEureka would serve to bridge.

Importantly, mentors are needed to help the young ones who are not sure of the next step and needed guidance. Prof Salvo seeks all seniors in research to volunteer as mentors to help build a more elite pool of researchers in Singapore. Eureka Mentorship program. Those interested in volunteering as a mentor may give their name to Julia (julia.ong.lh@kkh.com.sg), Tricia (wang.cuixia@singhealth.com.sg) or Maureen (maureen.knight@singhealth.com.sg).

We look forward to your participation.



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P.S. refer to next page for more photos.

