

ICMI 2017 Trainee Networking Event Proposal

The trainee reception at MICS 2016 was well received but a common comment was that the trainees wished that they had more opportunities at scientific meetings to interact with principal investigators (PIs). We propose that SMI hosts a networking event at ICMI 2017 that will allow trainee SMI members to network amongst themselves and also with invited SMI member principal investigators.

Participants:

SMI member trainees

Invited PIs (SMI board members, invited speakers and session chairs)

Expected member trainee registration: 120-150 (see table below)

Attendance at event 80%(?) = 96-120 trainees

Ideally we'd like to have a ratio of 1 PI per 5-7 trainees

At 1 PI per 5-7 trainees = 14-24 PIs needed for the event

Total attendance: 110-144

An invitation and requested RSVP could be used to better calculate actual attendance and costs. The PI invitation will clearly spell out the purpose of the event and remind PIs that they are there to interact with trainees and not each other.

Time:

We suggest a 1-1.5 hr time period very late in the afternoon or early evening.

Location:

A room within the conference location to hold 110-144 people and their conversations

Refreshments:

Two drink tickets, provided to trainees upon completion of a SMI survey on the needs of trainees

Light hors d'oeuvres

Funding:

We can seek out funds and try to find a specific sponsor for this event. As an alternative, this event can be incorporated into the existing ICMI budget.

Table Attendance numbers of trainees at previous IMCIs

Meeting	Year / Location	Number of Trainees	Member / Non	% of Total Attendance
ICMI	2011 / Paris	373	162 / 211	37%
ICMI	2013 / Vancouver	233	116 / 117	40%
ICMI	2015 / Berlin	276	150 / 126	36%
MICS	2016 / Toronto	159	98 / 61	51%