

# VALIDATE “Post-doc’ing for success #2”

## Early Career Researcher Workshop

30<sup>th</sup> September, Boardrooms 3&4, The Drum at Wembley, London

### Programme

0900-0930

Registration & tea/coffee

0930-1000



Welcome and Introductions

**Samantha Vermaak**, VALIDATE Network Manager, University of Oxford

1000-1100

**Title: Career Planning for Success**

**Samantha Vermaak**, University of Oxford  
Sam is a Business and Personal Coach and in this session, she will discuss how to plan effectively for career success, and guide you through some exercises and questions to get you thinking and planning your next career steps.

1100-1130

*Coffee/tea break*

1130-1200

**Title: Managing Yourself – Great Leadership**

**Samantha Vermaak**, University of Oxford  
As you step up in your career into roles requiring management, particularly as a Group Leader, how can you be a Leader who inspires, motivates and supports your team to success?

1200-1300



**Title: How to Communicate Well Around Vaccine Research**

**Sara Dada**, LSHTM  
Sara is the Communications Officer at the Vaccine Confidence Project at LSHTM. With extensive experience in communications around vaccines, particularly the Ebola vaccine trials in Africa, Sara will discuss best practice in communicating your research, the risks and pitfalls that can occur with vaccines, and how to deal well with these.

1300-1400

*Lunch*

1400-1515

**Title: Career Panel Q&A**

Senior members of VALIDATE from different walks of the post post-doc career trajectory will give short talks about their careers, tips and advice for our ECRs, and then answer questions from our audience about having a successful career in science.



**Prof Mitali Chatterjee**, IPGMER, India

Mitali is Professor of Pharmacology at the Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in India and works on leishmaniasis.



**Prof Tracy Hussell**, University of Manchester, UK

Tracy is a Professor of Inflammatory Disease at University of Manchester, and Director of The Lydia Becker Institute of Immunology and Inflammation and the Manchester Collaborative Centre for Inflammation Research (MCCIR).



**Dr Stephen Lockhart**, Pfizer, UK

Steve is Vice-President and Head of Europe and Asia-Pacific Vaccine Clinical Research and Development (VCRD) at Pfizer.



**Dr Ann Rawkins**, Public Health England (PHE), UK

Ann is Scientific Leader at Public Health England, providing scientific direction to the TB research programme.

1515-1545

*Coffee/tea break*

1545-1700

**Title: Planning & Writing a Great Grant Application**



**Prof Andrea Cooper**, University of Leicester

As a senior and successful academic researcher, Andrea will talk us through how to plan and write a great grant application – from finding your initial scientific idea and finding collaborators, through to what funders are looking for, how to write well, tips for success, and insights from the various review panels she's sat on. Andrea's talk will be around one hour, leaving plenty of time for all your questions on this wide topic.

1700

**End of workshop**

1830+

**Dinner:** a reservation will be held at a local restaurant for those who confirm they wish to join the group dinner (at own cost)