The SGBM Student Reunion

General considerations:

1. SGBM is multidisciplinary program with a broad range of research areas. Expect nobody in the audience to have a clue about what you are going to talk!

2. Presentations are expected to be 15 min with an additional 5 min of discussion.

4. Every talk beyond 17 min will be ended abruptly by an automatic timer.

3. The student reunion is a great opportunity to practice your presentation and discussion skills.

How to prepare a successful presentation:

1. Think about how you felt at last month’s student reunion.

2. Do not repeat your laboratory progress report.

3. Simplicity is fundamental - or do you know what 2-(4-amidinophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamidine is?

4. Limit the number of power point slides (approximately 1 slide / minute) and avoid complicated diagrams with tiny legends.

5. Ask yourself: Why are you doing that research project? Why should someone care?

6. A clear introduction is crucial if you wish your audience to follow the presentation.

7. Present only the two or three fundamental experiments of your project. Everything else is far beyond the scope of the student reunion.

8. Discuss your results and the techniques used. What are the problems and what are the questions still to be answered?

9. Virtually all techniques in modern biology are used in SGBM laboratories. If participants get interested in your presentation they may provide valuable advice for your project.

10. Test the length of your presentation.

11. Be passionate about your science!