

ISPE Singapore Student Chapter Discovery Day: Drugs of Tomorrow



A few Saturdays back (June 22), the ISPE Singapore Student Chapter conducted our Discovery Day programme, a one-day learning camp for students to learn and discuss difference niche topics which will soon make up the 4.0 of the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry. The learning day aligns perfectly with our 2019 agenda: to create a solid platform for students to acquire soft and hard skills that will help them enter and navigate through the Pharmaceutical Industry.

The day had an amazing start, with sixty plus students filling the seminar halls of SIT@Dover. The audience demographics consisted of students from science, pharmaceuticals, business and even IT based backgrounds. They were given an hour or so to network amongst themselves, a much-needed skill we believe could benefit them in the long run.



Soon came the long-awaited seminar session, with topics on:

- **Cell & Gene Therapy** by Professor Joy Pang from A*STAR
- **Medical Diagnostics** by Dr Soh from A*STAR
- **Bioinformatics** by Professor Ho Fung Ki from Singapore Institute of Technology

Students had the opportunity to interact with the speakers and industry professionals, some of whom had even begun looking into internship or permanent hire with the speakers' companies. The

ISPE Singapore Student Chapter will further facilitate and support any career interest or queries and are hopeful in promoting an early-career planning mindset amongst the students of Singapore's tertiary education.



Finally, the event ended with a workshop on “Introduction to professional networking with LinkedIn”, hosted by ISPE Singapore Affiliate’s past President, Mr. Geoffrey Brown. During this session, students gained insights into professional networking through real-world case studies shared by Mr. Geoff. Several students even approached Mr Geoff for a private session to seek more specific advice on their personal cases.

The Discovery Day saw many returning students from our 2018 events, demonstrating that the ISPE Singapore Student Chapter is slowly but surely building strong intimate trust with Singapore’s academia landscape. This could never be achieved without the support from the Singapore affiliate, academic lecturers, industrial volunteers, companies and of course, the students of the future industry. A formed student chapter fuelled by ardent like-minded volunteers; we are committed to bringing forth modernized value-added events that will shape the future of the biopharmaceutical industry. Moving forward, we welcome your organisation/company to play a part in the learning journey of students who will one day go on to empower the industry.

For more information on how you can help or how we can serve you better, drop us an email at sgispesc@gmail.com

Cheers!

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