Hi postdocs,

2017 is almost over, but USC PDA still has a few goodies for you:

- A workshop on leading effective meetings
- Social events by USC PDA

Also, featured in this newsletter:

- Call for forming a USC postdoc group for faculty job search
- Events around Los Angeles and USC
- Job opportunities at University of Chicago
- Funding opportunities
- Featured postdocs: Alexandar Giga & Mohan Singh
- Postdoc union? What are your thoughts?

Enjoy the winter holidays and winter recess!

Yours truly,

PDA Council

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**Career Development Event**

"How to Lead Effective Meetings in the Team Science Era"
USC Postdoctoral Association in collaboration with Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute presents leadership workshop on "How to Lead Effective Meetings in the Team Science Era". The speaker - Dr. Juli Wu is a specialist in the science of effective meetings and will share the tricks of good leadership in the era of team science and how to engage everyone making your time at the meeting the most productive and effective. Breakfast will be served before the beginning of the workshop.

RSVP by December, 8th to reserve your spot.

**Time:** Tuesday, December, 12th, 10.00 - 11.30 am  
**Location:** Saban Auditorium  
For more information and RSVP, [click here](#).

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**Networking and Social Events: September**

**Coffee Hour** (every 1st Wednesday of the month):  
**Next date:** December, 6th  
**Locations:**  
- **UPC:** Illy's at the Annenberg building @ 2PM  
- **HSC:** Starbucks @ 2PM  
- **CHLA:** Aroma's Cafe in the HBO Cafe @ 9AM

**Hike** (every 2nd Sunday of the month):  
**Next date:** December, 10th @ 4PM  
**Location:** Griffith Park Observatory  
[MeetUp website](#).
Job search group?

Are you applying for a job in the near future? Do you want to talk to others going through the process and support each other through the writing and proofing process? If so, e-mail us at uscpda@usc.edu.

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Build your CV

Find below opportunities to add lines to your CV

Events outside the lab

Break the mold and enjoy a time out in and around Los Angeles

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**Holiday Biotech Networking Mixer**

Come network with biotech professionals, entrepreneurs, business leaders, government officials, scienXsts and of course mentors and participants from past and upcoming LA BioStart’s boot camp sessions!

**Time:** Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

**Location:** WeWork Culver City, 5792 West Jefferson Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90016

[RSVP here](#)

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**2017 SoCal Genome Stability Symposium**

A full day of talks and poster presentations about the latest research on genome stability.

**Location:** Davis School of Gerontology Auditorium

**Time:** Friday, Dec. 15th, 10.30 am - 6.00 pm

[View flyer](#)
**Job opportunities**

**University of Chicago is looking for:**

1. Cancer Biology - [tenure track basic science](#)
2. Human Genetics - [tenure track basic science](#)
3. Data Science - [tenure track basic science](#)

**Funding opportunities**

The Caspar Wistar Fellows Program (Program) of the Wistar Institute Vaccine & Immunotherapy Center and the Wistar Institute Cancer Center will recruit two exceptional post-doctoral fellows as independent investigators in 2018: one fellow with a cancer focus that will join Wistar's NCI-designated Cancer Center and one with a vaccine/immunology focus that will join Wistar’s Vaccine & Immunotherapy Center. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Postdoc Publications**

*Want your research featured here? Send an e-mail with the reference to*

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**FEATURED POSTDOCS**

**Alexandar Giga**

Aleksandar Giga is a postdoctoral research associate in [Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#) at Viterbi School of Engineering. His research focuses on management and financing of early-stage technology
startups. He evaluates US public policy supporting innovation, examining both the need for and the impact of several major programs. He also explores startup financing, focusing on the nascent investment mechanism of equity crowdfunding, which promises to enlarge the pool of capital flowing to startups. Additional information can be found here.

Mohan Singh

Dr. Mohan Singh is investigating the tumor microenvironment in Hodgkin Lymphoma using highly multiplexed Imaging System. This cutting edge imaging technology enables to image more than 40 proteins and protein modifications at subcellular level, which helps us to understand how immune cells interact with the neighboring cells in the tumor microenvironment. This research investigation will help to find novel drug targets for better immune-oncology treatments in the future.

Life as a postdoc: A commentary

How much say does one postdoc have in determining job conditions? Unions might help with making conditions better for employees. Is a postdoc union a possibility for the future? Read here.

* You get your dream job in the industry and think that your life of uncertainty is over, but you just realized that you don't know what's going to hit you next: an earthquake or a wildfire? Welcome to the dark side!!

* When I was pregnant, my PI was very clear about how he felt if I missed work. Not until I provided a doctor’s note did he seem to accept that I couldn’t and shouldn’t be working, though I doubt he really understood why I needed to take the time off.
• Trying to build good habits in a world of bad habits.

If you would like to submit commentary for future newsletters, please email uscpda@usc.edu!

The awesome group at the monthly postdoc hike in November!
The next hike will be on December, 10th. For more info, go to our MeetUp website.

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