

Career Day Project Management September 27-28, 2018



Over 140 attendees from various institutions participated in Workshops, Round Table Discussions, Presentations, even speed dated...

...and many more followed us on social media like facebook and twitter.

Career Day „Project Management“



BACKGROUND

Career Days at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) take place on a regular basis since 2013 and provide great opportunities for young scientists to learn about a specific career path – one out of six specific career paths we have identified so far that many of our DKFZ Alumni take. People who went that specific career path can be heard, seen and contacted, giving the opportunity to gain deeper insights in what that career path requires or what it looks like in general. Networking with companies/institutes and people now active in this field can be the most attractive goal for participants.

This year's second Career Day dealt with the topic Project Management and took place on September 28th, 2018. 142 participants took the chance to learn about different career paths to Project - and Science Management and talked to advisors and experienced scientists. The majority (50%) of the participants was graduates, but also postdocs (30%) and undergraduates (1%) attended the event. 62% of the attendees came from DKFZ and 9% from Heidelberg University.



Program:

Alumni Sessions: Excellent talks on...

- All you need to know about Project Management – 1st hand knowledge
- Project- and Science Management

Workshops: Distinguished course on ...

- Ensuring Effectiveness in Scientific Projects (hfp consulting)

Round Table Discussions with Alumni from: Unique opportunity to network with experts from.....

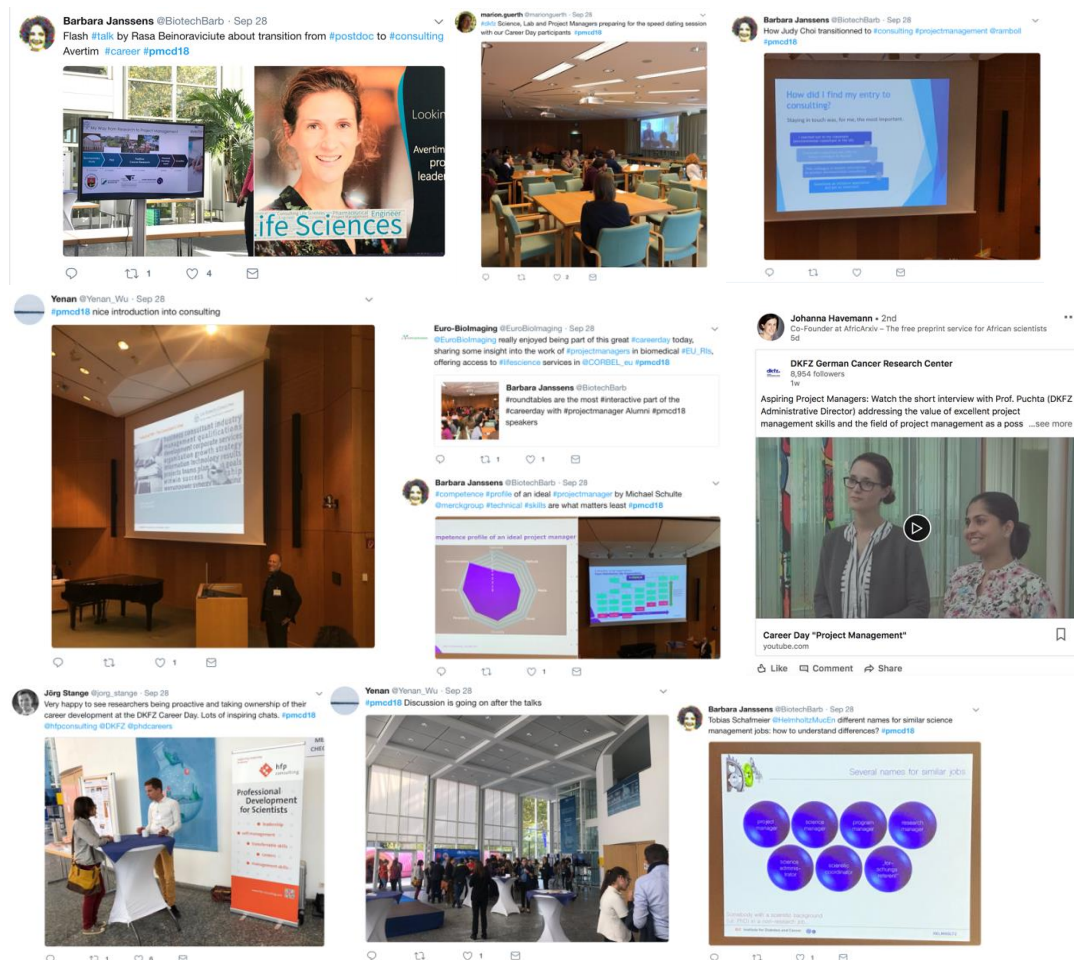
- BioNTech, EMBL, Avertim, Mastercell, Ramboll, Merck, Roche, Bayer, ...
- DKFZ, University and University Clinic Heidelberg and others

Speed dating and open networking with science, lab and project managers from DKFZ: Participants had the chance to ask personal questions about project management to those who do the job

Panel discussion - Strategies to find a PM job in academia or industry and “Current trends in PMs hiring”

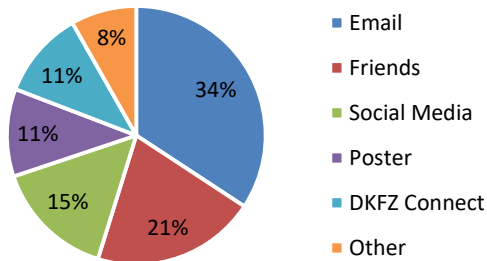


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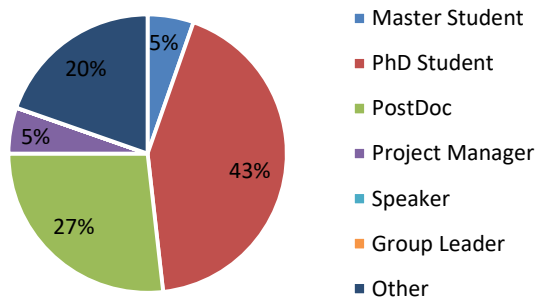


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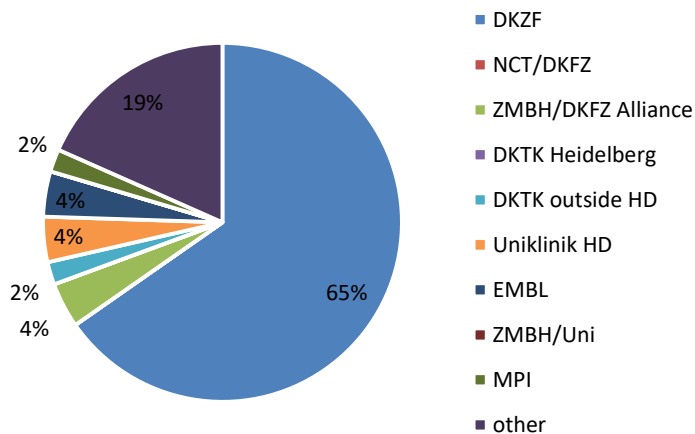
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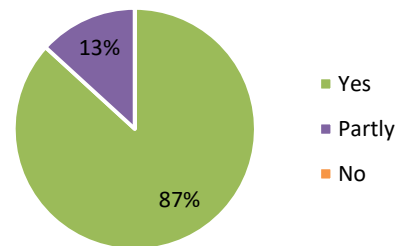
2. What is your position?



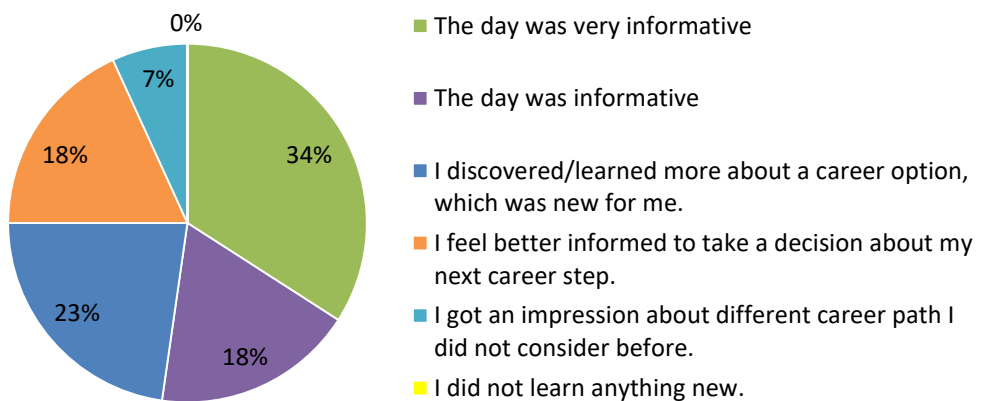
3. From which institute are you?



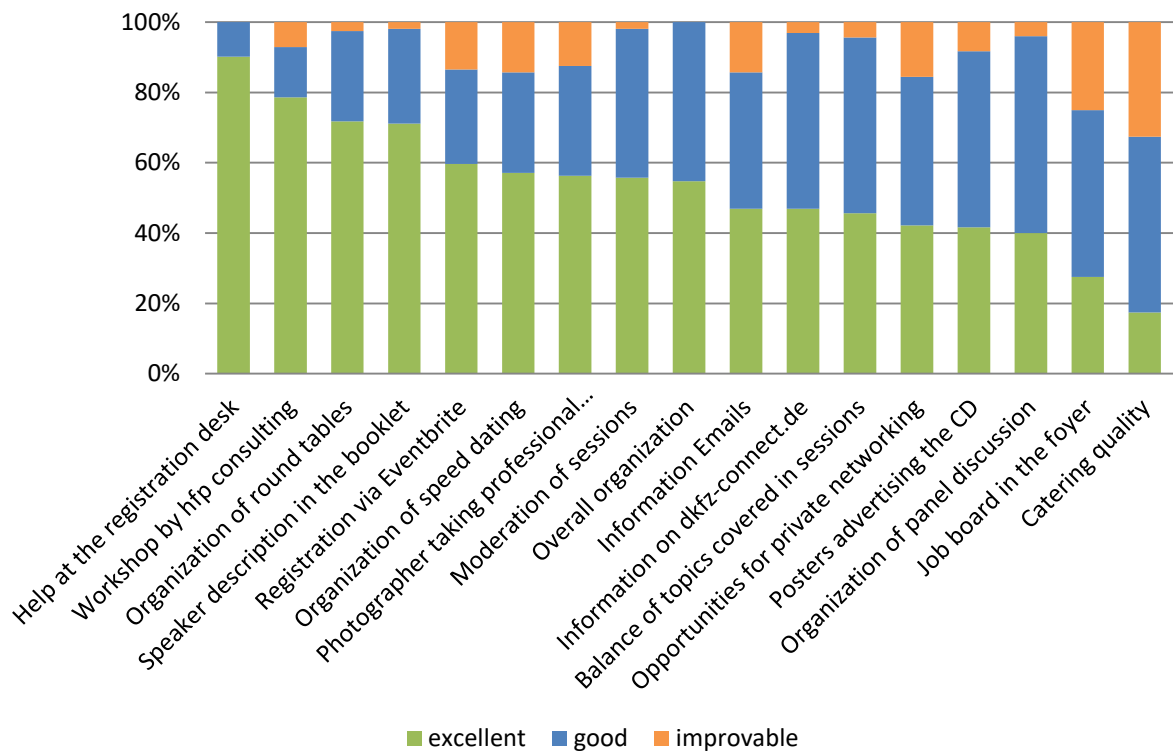
4. Were your expectations of the Career Day met?



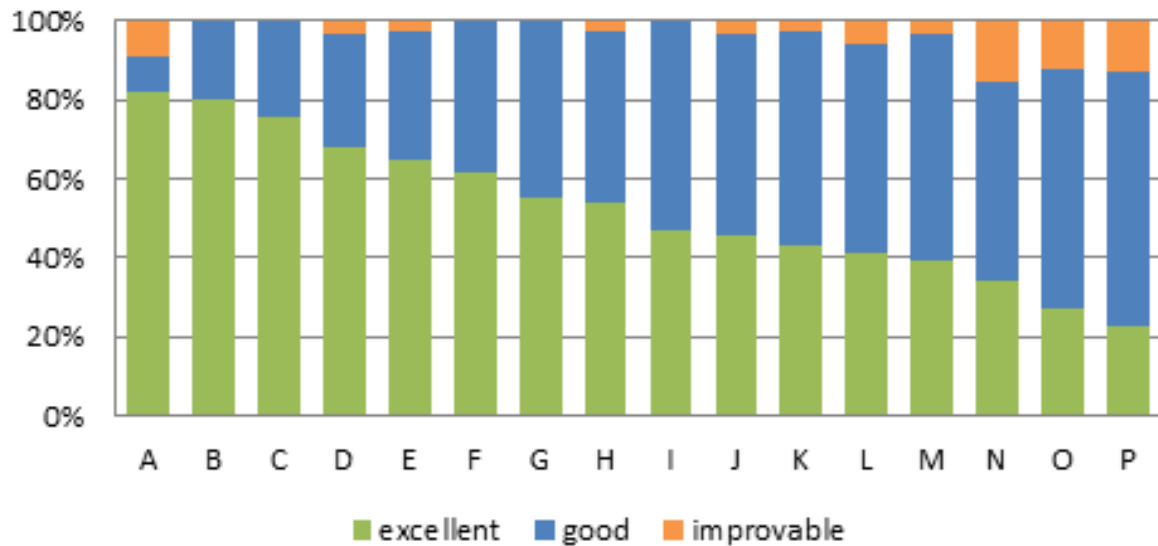
5. What is your overall impression from this event?



6. How did you like the organization of the event?



7. How did you like the information provided in the presentations and workshops?



SOME O-TONES OF THE SPEAKERS:

"Very professional and well organized."

"I liked the format, the participants were very enthusiastic."

"It is very nice! What you did is very well organized and there are a lot of smart and motivated people interested."

"I wish to thank you for the great organization and your kind support during the DKFZ Career Day on Project Management. Due to your support, it was a truly enjoyable event for me and very good feasible with my baby."

Selection of Take-Home messages

THANKS

- Thank You!
- Very nicely organized and focused on the steps one can make to go to PM
- Very good talks + Organization

What is PM / what does a PM do?

- Knowing what is PM, what requires for applying for this!
- Everyone in the lab is a PM
- I have great idea on project management career from academia to consultancy view
- Lots of different types of PM and got a lot of insight into the job profiles
- There are many different jobs under a similar "project Manager" title
- Different alternative career paths
- There are various aspects of project management I very much like
- There are more opportunities than I thought
- Project Management in Scientific area can be still research-related

Is PM for me?

- already inform yourself during your PhD and prepare yourself
- I want to be project manager
- I need the following months to figure out whether I'd rather pursue a management or a 'benchworking' career
- Scientific management is not for me
- One has to apply and try
- I would like to apply to PM positions

Important skills / how to prepare?

- Keep an open mind
- Anyone can be project manager, learn how to improve your career and also how to improve your interview for a position
- One of many: Preparation is everything to get the job
- Negotiating/Be confident of my skills/ communicating/ be visible
- Communication is the key in PM
- Improve communication skills

Networking

- Networking
- Talk to people and get involved
- Network!
- Get connected. Be open. Talk to people. Reach out
- Keep connected, be open
- Connect with people, talk to them and find out if a particular job is suitable for you

Courses

- Participate in courses and activities to develop skills and collect evidence to xxx in job interviews
- Do more courses
- I should have attended more oriented courses during my PhD studies....
- Do as much training as you can get and apply for very diverse positions
- Trainings
- Apply for special PM program at DKFZ



At the occasion of our Project Management Career Day today the coordinators conducted an interview with Prof. Puchta addressing the value of excellent project management skills and the field of project management as a possible career path for scientists.

<https://youtu.be/bjwojHgGDz8>



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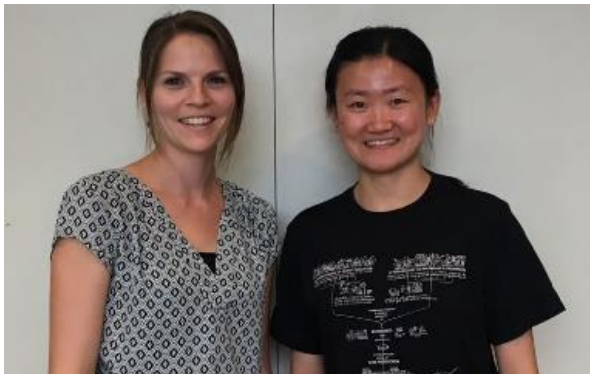
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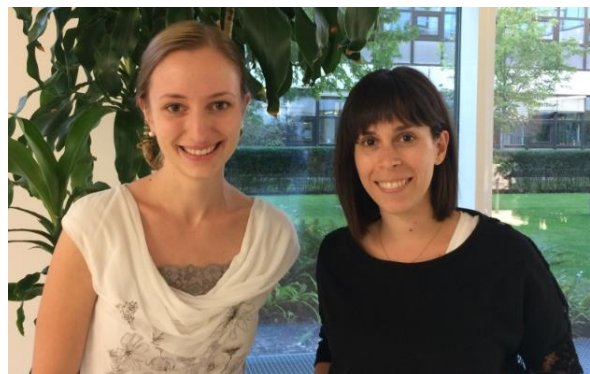
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