

“Scientific careers- on impressionable minds”

Some active members of the MCAA –Polish Chapter conducted an outreach activity in a high school located in the Wrzeszcz district of Gdansk. The school is among the best in the region and among the top ten schools in whole of Poland. The outreach activity was in the form of presentation in front of the final year high school students. The focus of the presentation was to raise awareness about career opportunities in science as well as about the opportunities offered by the MSCA actions. The presentation highlighted the different MSCA actions and how the students can get involved. The actions covered were the ITN, IF, RISE and COFUND. The European Researcher’s night received some special attention from the students and the teachers. The presentation also included the personal experiences of current and past fellows and the positives that were found through the mobility which was possible due to the MCAA. A part of the presentation was dedicated to the MCAA and the MCAA Polish Chapter highlighting its need and how the aim is for continuous development and networking. The fellows also presented their work in simple terms and with videos to ensure that it is understood by the students. The different steps and opportunities while pursuing a career in academia were discussed in detail.

The MCAA and MCAA-PC were ably represented by Thanushree Suresh and Rohan Soman of the Institute of Fluid Flow Machinery as well as Aleksandra Rutkowska from the Medical University of Gdansk. The presentations were taken positively by the students which was reflected in their attentiveness during the presentation. The presentations were well received by the teachers as well, as the fellows were invited for similar talks in other high schools in Gdansk in the near future. The promotional material made available for the MCAA went a long way in attracting the students and leaving a lasting mark.

