

Results from the survey to the members of the Danish Chapter, July 2018

A total of 33 people out of our 81 members answered the survey that we created before the summer. From the participants in the survey, almost 67% have a postdoc position, followed by other positions in academia and with only 3% from industry.

The main reason for members to join the chapter was the potential for networking with other MCAA fellows in Denmark, although a few members also pointed out at the fact of 'being informed' or 'getting to know funding and career opportunities in Denmark'.

Only 18.2% attended the kick-off meeting. Most of the people who did not attend claimed lack of time, living outside the Copenhagen area, or having been informed too late. Those attending pointed out that it was a nice meeting, and that it was interesting to have speakers from the industry. 24% participated in the Annual Meeting, and the main reasons for not attending were living outside the Copenhagen area or not having been informed. In this regard, there was a mistake when sending notifications about the meeting to all the members, which caused misinformation and, unfortunately, resulted in less members attending the meeting.

With regards to the activities that members would like to have in the chapter, training seminars/webminars and workshops are the most interesting, followed by participation in big science events. Some members suggested organizing 'sub-chapter activities', which we encourage and support, but we would need local organizers for them. Industrial and casual networking events were also proposed. We really appreciate your interest in getting more involved in organizing activities, therefore we welcome any suggestion for local activities in different cities of Denmark, for which we will support you (contact us at denmark.chapter@mariecuriealumni.eu).

Among the most interesting topics for the members are academia (70%) and networking (63%), followed by industry, training, grant application writing and project management.

78.8% of the participants read the newsletter. As new contributions to the newsletter, our members suggested to interview people from outside the chapter (eg. industry managers, people in academia), and Introduce members of the chapter.

We really appreciate your answers and suggestions, and we wish that most of our members can participate in the next activities of the chapter. In the next year of activities of the Chapter we will aim at organizing training webminars and workshops, as well as casual networking events. Follow our news in the web of the chapter or in our Facebook and LinkedIn groups!

The board