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Report from the 1st NextGEN ENETS Scientific Workshop 2022, October 7-8, Noors castle, Knivsta, Sweden. Along with twelve other doctoral students or young researchers, I had the pleasure to attend a two-day workshop at Noors castle. To lead us, we had a senior faculty of neuroendocrine tumor researchers, and also the rhetoric expert, Dr. Lind. On-site organization was smoothly handled by the lovely Leah Matthews.

The seminar was focused on talks by the junior faculty, both by ten-minute and by three-minute presentations along with lots of time for discussions. Both the scientific content and the stage performances were discussed. Here, I was surprised by the frankness in the post-presentation debates, especially as most of us didn't know one another prior to the event. To me, it was an invaluable experience to present data in this context, with a mixture of junior and senior colleagues. I'm not sure if this will lead to any actual new collaborations, but I think one should always strive to present data to such experienced peers.

Aside from the scientific program, the venue including the foods and beverages was great. The three-course dinner was delicious, but I especially enjoyed the platter of oysters before dinner. I was quite surprised by the serving of this quite luxurious dish, and I think this gave us a nice opportunity to put the focus elsewhere for a while.

There are some areas where I think future events may improve. As most of us weren't familiar with the projects of the other attendees, it could have been helpful to be able to read the abstracts prior to the workshop. In that way, the feedback on the scientific content during the workshop may have been even more precise.

While the dinner was delicious, it was a bit difficult to have a meaningful conversation with the colleagues, due to the less than great acoustics of the room. In other words, a larger room or some smart solution for the sound environment may improve the experience. Also, I had hoped for more post-dinner informal discussions. It may or may not be possible to extend future workshops by a few hours.

In conclusion, I'm really grateful to have taken part in this very well executed event. Especially for the sake of younger colleagues across Europe, I hope that ENETS will be able to arrange similar events in the future.

Thank you for two days of intense learning and meaningful discussions.

Best regards,

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