

Weblog Seminar: EXPLORE, Bio Beyond the Box

On Wednesday the 7th of April the study tour committee of GLV Idun organized the seminar 'EXPLORE, Bio Beyond the Box'. This seminar was organized to give students, PhD's and even professors a view on what they could do beside research at the university. To give them the obvious and less obvious career options. There were several guest lectures and the day also included a free lunch and informal reception all provided by the study tour committee of GLV Idun.

One of the guest lectures was provided by Dirkjan Masman of the SBGG (Stichting Business Generator Groningen). His lecture was on patents in science and entrepreneurship in science. Because patenting is still not very known among students, PhD's and even some professors, his lecture got a good reply of the audience. There were many questions asked and discussions started. It was a very nice and educative lecture, especially for the students, who will now think twice before they publish their findings. Another pleasant lecture was provided by Hidde Boersma, a freelance science writer who is also active in politics. With his background in molecular biology, Hidde provided a interesting talk on how he got where he is now. This also gave a good view on how your career can go anywhere you would like it to go. Hidde told that it's hard to get started as a freelance science writer, but that after some time spending most of it through networking, it will get easier to get different writing assignments. This was one of the less obvious career options and this lecture was also very interesting and got a good reply from the audience.

The seminar was concluded with a nice informal reception. The study tour committee was very glad this seminar went as they had hoped. There was more audience then they had expected and everything went as planned. They hope to provide a seminar like this for next year when the SBGG will also be actively involved in the master course 'Orientation on International Scientific Careers'.