

IDEAS Newsletter



IDEAS Events

Since September 2015 we have held 4 IDEAS led training events and workshops:

IDEAS Kick Off Meeting, Vienna, 19th – 23rd October 2015

The first IDEAS event was hosted by the Medical University Vienna, on 19th – 23rd October 2015. It brought together for the first time all our partner supervisors and researchers and was attended by over 35 delegates representing both academia and industry. The workshop began.....[more](#)

Ideas Think-tank Meeting, Traunkirchen, 21st – 24th June 2016

The IDEAS Think-tank took place at the Symposion Hotel Post in Traunkirchen Austria, 21st – 24th June 2016. It brought together all supervisors, researchers and associated partners and was attended by over 30 delegates representing both academia and industry. The Think-tank was designed to allow in-depth cross-project discussions and many of the sessions were organized by the researchers. The think-tank began with a session for the IDEAS researchers.....[more](#)

IDEAS Summer School, Lancaster 12th – 16th September 2016

The first IDEAS Summer School was hosted by Lancaster University, UK 12th – 16th September 2016. It again brought together all of our partners and was attended by 35 delegates representing both academia and industry. The official opening of the IDEAS Summer school was kindly provided by Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research at Lancaster University, Professor Stephen Decent. The first 2 mornings of the Summer School were designated to in depth presentations by each ESR researcher. Each presentation.....[more](#)

Ideas Mid-Term Review Meeting, Brussels 30th – 31st January 2017

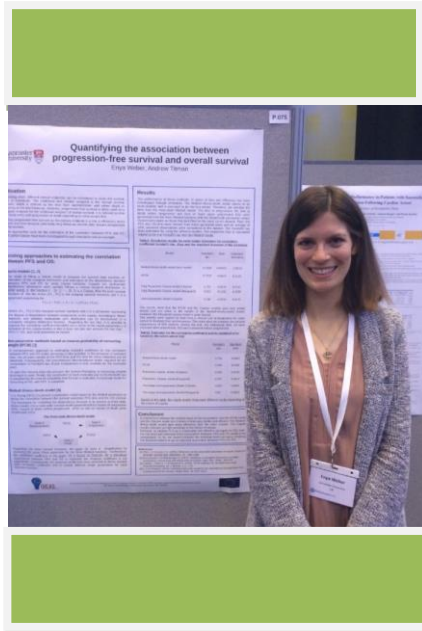
Recently the IDEAS network presented the Project to the EU Project Officer and scientific experts. This proved to be a very insightful 2 days with good and constructive feedback from both sides. We were provided with some excellent presentations by our researchers and now look forward to driving the project further.

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IDEAS welcomes additional associated partners to our project

AstraZeneca, are a major research driven pharmaceutical company that has recently established its own statistical innovation group. The IDEAS network and in particular the focus on early drug development is well aligned to the company's strategy. AstraZeneca will actively engage in the projects of two ESRs which will also include secondments. Roche are the UK leader in diagnostics solutions, who offer a uniquely broad and innovative portfolio

of products to patients, physicians, researchers, hospitals and laboratories. They will actively engage in the project of ESR 3 by providing secondments but will actively engage and offer support as necessary. Dr Alun Bedding previously from AstraZeneca but now employed by Roche has actively been involved within the IDEAS network previously.

[Full details of partners](#)

I am thrilled by the engagement of all partners in the events – we have done our best to plan the events, but it is the people and their enthusiasm that have made the meeting such a success, Thomas Jaki, Project Coordinator

A week in the life of a researcher.....

Okay just to be clear, to give you glimpses of a life as a researcher. It wouldn't come across as a surprise if the title makes you think of this as just another bland depiction of a researcher's life. But hey, try giving it a shot. Not all researchers necessarily are geekish.....

[Full details can be found here](#)

Additionally if you are interested in more blogs about what our researchers have been doing a full list can be found at:

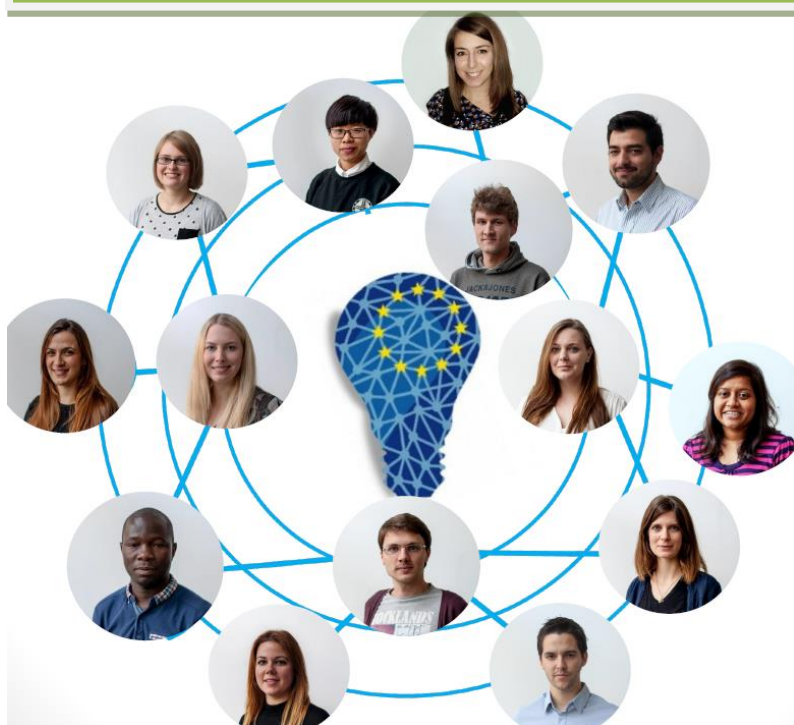
[IDEAS Blogs](#)

The role of a statistician in drug development

In the IDEAS network we are in the unique position to see the statistician's role in drug development from many different perspectives, since our network comprises partners from both industry and academia and many members have experience as/with regulators. To gain further insight into the responsibilities and challenges a statistician in this area is facing today we conducted a survey, asking experts in the field for their opinion. We sent out our survey to many different institutions and in total we received 34 responses, 19 from pharmaceutical companies and 9 from academia with the remaining 6 coming from other institutions like research centers and hospitals. These blog posts were written based on the answers we received. Therefore they do not represent our own personal opinions, but rather the views of our survey's participants.

With this series of blog posts we want to provide an overview of drug development from a statistician's point of view. Each post will cover one phase of the drug development process, from pre-clinical to Phase III. We hope that this series will give non-statisticians working in the area an insight into the statistician's point of view. We also aim to inform statisticians working in other fields, as well as aspiring statisticians, who might consider choosing a career in drug development.

[Click here for more information](#)



The Projects

IDEAS are training 14 researchers in medical statistics by providing a tailored programme that includes specific training on quantitative methods for early drug development and generic skills for statisticians. The network takes a multi-national trans-sectoral approach that allows students to experience both academia and industry. This is achieved through joint supervision and a secondment scheme to the partner institution. Our researchers are just over a year into the programme.

[Learn more about the projects](#)



Meet the team

The IDEAS network brings together leading institutions in the training of medical statisticians, large and small sized pharmaceutical companies and is supplemented by clinical experts. Each of the Ideas partners individually has a history leading or contributing to successful training programmes in medical statistics and research in early phase drug development. Each beneficiary is either an established academic institution or a research active pharmaceutical company.

[Click here for more details on the network](#)

Upcoming events

[PSI Careers Fair](#), Reading, 22nd February 2017

More details.....

[Lancaster University Community Day](#), Lancaster University,

6th May 2017

More details.....

[IDEAS Summer school](#), Turin, 11th – 15th September 2017

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