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 Experience

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME MANAGER, OSTEOLOGY FOUNDATION (CH)

NOV 2024 /
PRESENT

- Management of global scientific **education initiatives**, including CE courses for early-career researchers, live surgery events, international consensus meetings, online education. Planning, budgeting, implementation, KPIs, controlling, and internal and external stakeholder management at top dental schools. Introduced and successfully concluded first course ever on portfolio on **AI** in oral health research, in collaboration with the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.
- Definition of value propositions for new and existing educational formats. Leading the implementation of a new **digital learning management** system, from aligning high-level priorities to technology selection and implementation.
- Development of an overarching education strategy to connect existing activities and guide the creation of future programs. Management of board-level taskforce to design and implement educational strategies, learning journeys, and curricula for the community.

APR 2022 /
PRESENT

- Management and administration of own and collaborative **grant programs** in oral and maxillo-facial research, incl. set-up, review and selection process.
- Monitoring of on-going research projects for scientific progress incl. financial reporting. Regular communication with research administration staff and principal investigators (dental surgeons).
- Liaison with internal and external stakeholders to grow engagement and support for the Foundation's research activities. Support **scientific communication** & marketing activities with professional content and knowledge transfer. Content development for decision-making sessions at scientific board meetings. Deputy of Director of Science and Research Education.
- Development of **key initiatives related to grant management**: launch of a new grant program, implementation of a new grant management platform, establishment of a transparent and cost-effective project monitoring system, consolidation of historical and current grant databases, for improved analytics and to inform strategic decision-making.

OCT 2021 /
OCT 2023

OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS, UTI-lizer SA (SWE – remote, on request)

Development of product timeline, market and investors scoping. Assistance with **scientific communication** of findings and activities, networking, grant applications, project management, set-up of preclinical and clinical studies.

OCT 2020 /
NOV 2021

MANAGER, PILOT PROJECTS & MANAGING EDITOR, S.KARGER AG (CH)

- Definition and day-to-day management of a **new product**: brainstorming, design thinking approach; assessment of opportunities, challenges, and competitors; market analysis; creation of a network of „early adopter“ users to test product prototype; **relationship management** with pilot project participants; setting KPIs and evaluating performance
- Representation of project to external and internal stakeholders - up to C-suite
- Publication and editorial management of one of the Open Access, medical titles of Karger's portfolio: peer-review, manuscript decisions according to journal and publisher's strategy. Editorial board management.

APR 2020-
SEP 2020

FREELANCE PROJECTS (remote)

- Project manager and early business strategy support for pre-inc. startups: MySlots (IT solution, EUvsVirus prize-winner), UTI-lizer (IVD device, EIT Wildcard)
- Scientific project assistant and team coordinator – The Digital Aid Project (Digital Health) – EIT Health
- Expert reviewer for call proposals – **Digital Health and Medical Imaging** solutions - EIT Health InnoStars

GLOBAL CLINICAL PUBLICATIONS MANAGER, SMITH & NEPHEW AG (CH)

APR 2018-
MAR 2020

- Management of **scientific publications** from study protocol to end. Continuous identification and mapping of the key evidence needs within Clinical Strategy, identification of external collaborators for evidence generation activities, follow up on contractual deliverables. Development of scientific evidence plan for all products in portfolio (~70% **orthopedics** / 30% **sports medicine and wound management**)
- Identification of opportunities and development of processes to strategically increase volume and quality of scientific output: 2 new **SOPs**, adherence to ICMJE and GPP3 guidelines, standardized publication planning and timeline management, conference tracker, internal/external medical writer screening and management, strategic conference and journal selection
- Reporting on activities being conducted within the function, customer areas and with other external research collaborators

1/2

publication times

x5

conference presence

x2

high-impact meetings

+120%

deliverables at conferences/in journals

GLOBAL CLINICAL STRATEGY COORDINATOR, SMITH & NEPHEW AG (CH)

OCT 2017-
APR 2018

- Expansion and maintenance of all tracking and documentation functions associated with clinical research and clinical research outcome (SOPs, audits, activity trackers, site scorecards, presentations, ...)
- Internal and external **stakeholder management** (incl. HCPs) from selected worldwide centers to find and define the best study and publishing outline

RESEARCH STAFF, KU LEUVEN & UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LEUVEN (BE)

DEC 2016-
JUL 2017

- Support of data acquisition on Siemens PET and PET/CT scanners for **phantom, animal, and patient studies**
- Reconstruction and analysis of **cardiac/brain PET images** from clinical and preclinical studies. Usage of anatomical information from CT and MRI to improve quantitative accuracy
- Bridging between the technical and medical departments; identification and translation of medical needs into technical solutions. Stakeholder management (academic, medical, engineering, ...) to ensure applicability of proposed solutions
- Publications in peer-reviewed journals; presentations at local and international meetings (prize-awarded oral presentation at IEEE NSS-MIC)

Education

PhD

2016

Biomedical Sciences

Dept. of Cardiology and Nuclear Medicine
KU Leuven, Belgium

MSc

2012

Bioengineering

Dept. of Information Engineering
Università di Padova, KTH Stockholm,
Boston University

BSc

2010

Biomedical Engineering

Dept. of Mechanics and Information Engineering
Università di Padova

Skills

Clinical Research, Medical Devices,

Time **Management**, Project Management, **Design Thinking**,
Teamwork, Detail-oriented, **Product Development**, Digital –
Software, **Innovation**, Multidisciplinary International
Communication, **Product Management**, **Creativity**, R&D,
Development, **Strategic Thinking**, MS Project, **Publication**
Management, Simulations, **Healthcare**

Languages

ENGLISH, ITALIAN, FRENCH C2
GERMAN, SPANISH A2/B2
DUTCH A1/A2

Interests Wedding and lifestyle photography, swimming, board games, cultural & culinary travelling, international gatherings (manager of local expat group), science communication