

Feedback from our 2008 annual picnic

Dear Walid,

Thank you for organing the pinic. I think the pinic and flyers for academic development of postdocs was great.

Yan

Hey Walid,

it was a great idea to have that picnic - a great way for new postdocs to find out what's going on and what to be aware of. Great food too. I found Ale's speech a bit long - you guys should point out briefly and in a more organized way what the mission is, summarize things we should be aware of (for new postdocs), and what's new we don't know about.

I had a great time a found out new things I can point out to my future postodocs.

Eva

Hi Walid,

I would first like to thank all the office bearers for their efforts in organizing the picnic. The food was excellent; the games for post docs and kids were fun. The prizes were great. I feel that this was one great opportunity for post docs belonging to various departments to meet and know each other and network. The attendance could have been better, but any way it was a good beginning. I am sure the people who showed up really had a good time and more people would show up in future meetings and picnics once the word goes around.

As far as the orientation program for the Fall: my suggestions would be to include sessions to focus more on Benefits offered by MSU, grant opportunities and training sessions (workshops, seminars, conferences etc) offered at MSU and other institutions.

Another effective way of promoting the association and its activities would be a newsletter. An electronic format would be fine and could be e-mailed or posted on the PDA Website. We could start this as a monthly feature with contributions invited from members and then make it fortnightly or even weekly if we have a good response.

Trust these suggestions will help our association,

SANDHYA