



Phd in Pharmaceutical Sciences - Minutes of the advisory board meeting

Date: April, 30th 2026

Topic: Presentation of the PhD program in Pharmaceutical Sciences to the advisory board to gather feedback and suggestions.

**Attendees:**

Board of professors - Prof. Oriana Tabarrini (coordinator of the PhD program), Prof. Daniela Lanari (deputy coordinator of the PhD program),

**Advisory board** - Dott. Armento Pietro (Buona Spa Società Benefit), Dott. Tiziano Bandiera (IIT), Prof. Chiara Luberto (Stony Brook University), Dott. Valerio Mammoli (Aptuit), Prof. Serge Van Calenbergh (University of Ghent).

Summary: Prof. Tabarrini welcomed all members of the advisory board and informed them that Prof. Maria Jose Camarasa would not be present at this time. Since this is the first group meeting with of the advisory board; prior to that, there had only been contact with individual membersthe advisory board, the coordinator encouraged all of them to give a brief presentation of themselves and their role at the university or company they work with.

Afterward, she proceeded by illustrating the PhD program, specifically the composition of the board of professors, the average number of PhD students per year and their research on two different curricula and training activities. About the latter topic, she explained that UniPG required that every PhD student reach a minimum amount of credit from attending ad hoc activities (at least 18 CFU in 3 years) and interdisciplinary activities (at least 6 CFU in 3 years). In order to fulfill these requirements, she presented the activities organized by the PhD program.

All the members agree that teaching is important at the beginning of a Ph.D. program, but that research should then become the main focus. In a Ph.D. program that lasts only three years, like ours, the teaching load might even be too heavy.

After this introduction, Prof. Tabarrini opened the discussion to gather comments and suggestions from the advisory board mainly oin the organization of the teaching activities. All the members agreed that the activities are well balanced to cover many topics that could be of interest to the PhD students of different curricula. Dott. Mammoli found the course on ADME PK particularly interesting in his line of work. Prof. Van Calenbergh and Prof. Luberto were also pleased to see a course on artificial intelligence applied to drug discovery. They recognize the growing importance of this topic in science and encourage the responsible use of this technology, including learning how to spot incorrect but science-sounding AI-generated content. The importance of developing soft skills is also emphasized by the advisory board, particularly when the PhD student will work with different teams and environments. Prof. Lanari highlighted that students should be encouraged to communicate more often and share their



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research to receive comments and insights from their peers. Prof. Tiziano Bandiera suggested organizing a day when each student presents his research to the others in a poster session.

Based on their suggestions, in the next cycle we'll organize a PhD research day, where the students present their research; we also try to including lessons on how to identify content generated by artificial intelligence.

Finally, Prof. Tabarrini thanked all the participants for the meaningful comments and suggestions and invited them to Perugia to give a seminar on their work/research.

Il Coordinatore

Prof. Oriana Tabarrini

Il vice Coordinatore

Prof. Daniela Lanari