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# Summary of

# 12<sup>th</sup> EFSPI Statistical Leaders Meeting

June 30 & July 1, 2021

The annual EFSPi Leaders meeting took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, hosted by Novo Nordisk and Lundbeck. This year, the community of EFSPi leaders met virtually for the second time in the 12 years history of the meeting. More than 30 EFSPi leaders were inspired by invited external speakers and spent two great afternoons together exchanging on four key topics.

The first topic of this year's meeting was "Career development and leadership skills for biostatisticians". After a recap of discussions at previous meetings and presentation of results of a pre-meeting survey, we discussed different career paths and explored specific skills needed to be successful as a statistician in today's pharmaceutical industry. We were especially challenged by the question: Are we making progress and if not, why not? Second, we learnt about "Perspectives on use of clinical data in the regulatory review process and scientific advice by regulatory authorities". It was great to have members of the Danish Medicines Agency and EMA share their perspectives. The third part of the meeting was dedicated to "Data Science versus Biostatistics in the pharmaceutical industry". We heard from the Royal Statistical Society what has happened since the start of their Data Science Section in 2017, learnt about vision of Data Science from our peers and explored together challenges and opportunities of Data Science working in partnership with Biostatistics. The fourth and last topic on our agenda was about flexible workplace after Covid-19. Motivated by the results of a pre-meeting survey, we discussed what we have learnt from working remotely for an unexpected and extended period of time, what leaders feel were key concerns and potential opportunities for statisticians, and what can EFSPi do to support leaders and the broader statistical community with embracing new ways of working.

The 2021 Organising Committee would like to thank all who actively contributed to the 12<sup>th</sup> EFSPi Leaders Meeting. As Warren Bennis, the legendary pioneer of modern leadership principles stated: "Leadership is the capacity to translate a vision into reality." EFSPi leaders are committed to make things happen! We are driven by collaboration and everyone participating in our annual meeting strongly believes in the importance of our community to guide and inspire the current and next generations of statisticians in the pharmaceutical industry to reach their full potential. Stay tuned for upcoming EFSPi events by visiting [www.efspi.org](http://www.efspi.org) and connecting with us on LinkedIn, and Twitter at @EFSPitweet.

Justine Rochon (Chair, EFSPi Leaders) on behalf of the Organising Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> EFSPi Leaders Meeting



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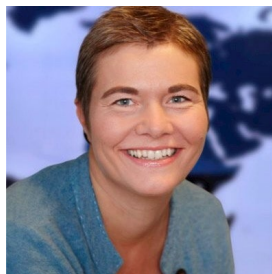


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*Thank you!*



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