Science Voices from Home: an NIH Visiting Fellows Committee Project
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Our Postdoc Association
➢ The Fellows Committee (FelCom) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is an organization dedicated to more than ~3,000 fellows, spread across 23 institutes.
➢ The work of FelCom is supported by eight subcommittees and fifteen liaison positions, including the Visiting Fellows Committee (VFC)
➢ https://www.training.nih.gov/felcom

Visiting Fellows Committee
➢ VFC establishes and maintains strong links of visiting fellows at the NIH to help them succeed while training in the US.
➢ The VFC builds community amongst visiting fellows by organizing social, cultural, and career-oriented activities.
➢ The VFC maintains a list of country representatives to connect visiting fellows.
➢ The VFC’s “Science Voices from Home” is the organization’s signature event.

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Conclusions
➢ The “Science Voices from Home” program has successfully organized events for over 15 years and hosted speakers from more than 20 countries.
➢ The program provides support to NIH postdocs for their next career step:
1. Build strong ties with the scientific community.
2. Create opportunities to network around the world
3. Provide insights into foreign funding mechanisms
4. Enlarge the perspective of global career options
5. Understand alumni career paths
6. Provide information to postdocs on how to transition to new positions
7. Offers a timeline on the job search process
8. Build strong ties to the postdoc office (OITE) for administrative support (alumni suggestions, webinar logistics, etc)

These events are easy to organize by any postdoc association and a terrific way to support international postdocs!