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I would like to start with a big THANKS note. I am in my final year of graduation and to be honest, having good professional network is very important at this point of time for me to sell myself in market. I attended and am attending many conferences such as AACR, AAPS, SOT and EB (I respect these conference for other reasons) however, I didn't get chance to talk to as many people as I did in PISA 2017.

In addition to that, I was given chance to present my work on a platform where, eminent professors like Dr. Harold, Dr. Herman gave their great piece of work. I feel so privileged to say that I presented my work too on same platform.

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