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Conference Attended: Controlled Release Society (CRS) Annual Meeting and Exposition, 16th-19th July 2017, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

I had the opportunity to join the 2017 CRS Annual Meeting (Boston, Massachusetts) which is the most relevant conference of the research field that I am working in. The CRS Conference caters for research related to all areas of drug formulation including controlled drug delivery systems, scale-up and clinical applications. This meeting gave me the opportunity to showcase my research and to get important feedback for my thesis from scientists working in different research fields both from industry and academia.

During the conference, I attended different workshops that also gave me a good networking opportunity to meet inter-disciplinary scientists and industry professionals. One of the workshops, focused on gaining skills to prepare a good CV and a good job interview, was particularly interesting for PhD students.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to hear the plenary talks from leaders of their different research areas such as Dr. Robert Langer, Dr. Justin Hanes and Paula Hammond. Besides, I was invited to visit Dr. Langer's laboratories at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). It was an amazing experience to see one of the most prestigious laboratories worldwide and to have the chance to meet Dr. Langer.