

EFSPI 16th Statistical Leaders Meeting

Approximately 40 Statistics Leaders and guests attended the 16th EFSPi Statistics Leaders Meeting on the 12th and 13th May 2025 co-hosted by Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Novo Nordisk, Leo, Lundbeck and Zealand Pharmaceuticals and held at the Ferring Pharmaceutical site in Copenhagen, Denmark. Three important topics were discussed with key messages as follows:

1. Academic Alliances: Universities and Pharma Nurturing NextGen Talent

NextGen Statisticians shared their personal journeys to becoming statisticians in the pharmaceutical industry and Ingrid Sofie Harbo (former VP of Biometrics at Lundbeck) shared her experience as a member of the SCIENCE Advisory Board for the University of Copenhagen. Round table discussions centred around two themes, how Statistics Leaders and EFSPi council can interact with universities in (i) Shaping education programs and strengthen collaborations and (ii) Attracting future talent to the Pharma Industry.

2. Innovative clinical trial methodologies and their adoption - Priorities and Opportunities

The EFSPi Statistics Methodology Leaders Working Group shared their top 4 methodology priorities and together with the EFSPi Statistics Leaders proposed an action plan where both groups partner closely to enable broad adoption and uptake of these key innovative approaches to accelerate drug development.

3. Irrelevant and out of touch?

This session allowed the Stats Leaders to focus on themselves and learn from each other in ensuring as leaders they remain relevant, retain a level of authenticity and continue to be curious in their career journeys. A provocative discussion pursued with lively debate and impactful stories shared.

Thanks to all the session chairs, the 5 host companies, and Emmanuel Zuber, Kyle Raymond, Anna Huusom and Sonja Paulsen for their support in organising the meeting. We all enjoyed the beautiful setting next to the water and the walking tour around Copenhagen.

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