TAE Trainees Day at ECCMID: List of sample questions for round table session

The purpose of the round table session is for participants to get guidance on their careers, and not to discuss specific science-related questions. Please note that moderators have been instructed to stop science-related discussions since this is not the aim of the session. Below you will find a list of sample questions.

1. What are the pros and cons to consider when choosing a career path in one of the following:
   - academia
   - public hospital
   - private hospital
   - industry

2. Which skills are important to acquire to become more competitive for each one of the afore-mentioned career orientations?

3. Which of the above is the best career option regarding work-life balance, salary, etc?

4. Do I need a master’s degree? Do I need a PhD? What for?

5. What are the criteria for choosing a specific research field?

6. How do I become independent in research?

7. What are some important considerations regarding research grant applications?

8. Are there specific restrictions applying to CM or ID when it comes to mobility between (European) countries?

9. What are the most important aspects in a letter of recommendation?

10. How do we choose a centre for a clinical/research fellowship?