Suggested Questions for Networking Events

Questions about their career path/training
• How did you get into this field?
• What has your career path been like to date? Is it representative of most people in this kind of position?
• What kind of education/training do you have?
• Are you a member of any professional orders or associations? Which ones do you feel are the most important to belong to?
• What are the future prospects in this field? What trends do you see developing over the next few years?
• If you could do things all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself?

Questions about their current position and responsibilities
• What does a typical day/week in your job look like?
• What do you enjoy the most about your job? The least?
• What skills have you found essential for success in this occupation?
• Could you tell me about one of the main challenges you face in this position?

Questions about working conditions
• How many hours do you work in a typical week?
• How much autonomy do you have in terms of what you focus on at work?
• What kind of supervision did you have when you were starting out? Now?
• How is your performance evaluated?
• What kind of professional development opportunities are available?

Additional questions
• What advice would you have liked to have heard when you were starting out?
• How would you recommend I “try out” this line of work (i.e. through a summer job, internship, volunteering...)?
• What other fields or jobs would you suggest I research before making a final decision?
• Is there anyone you would recommend I talk to next? When I call them, may I mention that you referred me?