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Dear Dr. Prinetti:

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to deeply thank the support of the International Society for Neuroscience for a ISN Symposium within our XXIX Congress of the Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience, which took place in Córdoba, Argentina, October 1-3. The Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience has been organizing its Annual Meeting for 29 years. The main goal of the Organizing Committee is to create an environment that promotes active discussions on the latest advances in different areas of neuroscience among students and senior researchers. This year we had a 2 day course “New mechanisms of neuro-glial interaction: Their contribution to nervous system development and repair” also supported by ISN.

The symposium supported by ISN was “Deconstructing Adult Neurogenesis: From Neural Stem Cells to Neuronal Networks in Health and Disease”. The symposium was highly attended by scientists and students who have participated actively with interesting questions and discussions with the invited speakers.

The program of the Symposium was:

Chair: Alejandro Schinder, Fundación Instituto Leloir, Buenos Aires

Alejandro Schinder, Laboratory of Neuronal Plasticity, Fundación Instituto Leloir, Buenos Aires.

“A novel view of neurogenesis and memory encoding in the dentate gyrus”

Hongjun Song, Institute for Cell Engineering and Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore.

“Analysis of neural stem cells in the adult mammalian brain, one cell at a time”

Benedickt Berninger, Adult Neurogenesis & Cellular Reprogramming, Institute of Physical Chemistry University Medical Center, Johannes Gutenberg, University Mainz.

“Brains in metamorphosis: physiological and forced neurogenesis in the adult brain”

Guoli Ming, Institute for Cell Engineering and Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore

“Adult Neurogenesis and Psychiatric Neurodevelopmental Disorders”

Pierre Vanderhaegen, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Institute of Neuroscience, Free University of Brussels

“From pluripotent stem cells to cortical circuits”

The XXIX Congress of the Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience (234 attendees) had a very intensive schedule including two plenary lectures, three symposia, one young investigator symposium, two simultaneous short talk sessions for graduate students, and several poster sessions (150 total presentations). Poster sessions were an essential part of the meeting since they provided the scenario where students discussed their results with other students, researchers and invited speakers.

Plenary Lecture “De Robertis” was delivered by Dr. Bernardo Sabatini, Harvard Medical School, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the lecture “Ranwell Caputto” by Dr. Gabriel Midlin, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad de Buenos Aires. A special lecture was given by **Dr. Sten Grillner** secretary of IBRO from Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

In addition to the ISN symposium the meeting hosted two other international ones: Symposium 1: “The Good and the bad of neurotrophins” with the presence of investigators from Canada (**Dr. P. Barker**), USA (**Dr. W. Friedman**), Chile (**Dr. F Bronfman**) and Argentina (**Dr. D Masco**); Symposium 2: “Ion Channels from development to behavior” with speakers from USA (**Dr. D Schulz**), United Kingdom (**Dr. R Baines**) and Argentina (**Dr D. Rayes, Dr. N Muraro**). A Young Investigator Symposium was delivered by 4 postdocs and young returning scientists and two simultaneous short talk sessions were given by graduate students selected from poster presenters.

All poster first authors were awarded with travel fellowships (total 110) provided by the Organizing Committee of the Meeting. In addition we were also able to provide additional support to students from other countries in Latin American attending the meeting. The participants came from all over Argentina (mainly Capital Federal, Bahía Blanca, Córdoba, La Plata, Mendoza, Quilmes, Rosario, San Luis and Tucumán), Latin America (Uruguay, Colombia, Brasil and Chile) and some from USA, Canada, France, Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom and Sweden.

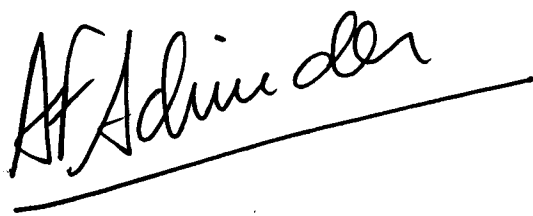
We have acknowledged the support of the ISN in the Meeting Book, in the SAN website, in slides before the presentations and banners in the lobby during the meeting and satellite meeting. A pdf of the abstract book is attached as well as a survey of the outcome of the meeting.

The granted USD 5,500 were spent as follows:

Accommodation expenses of speakers: AR\$ 42,000.00	(USD 4,855.50)
Transfers of speakers: AR\$ 5,580.00	(USD 645.00)

TOTAL	USD 5,500.50
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Once again, and on behalf of the organizing committee, I want to thank the ISN for the continuing support of the development of neurochemistry and neuroscience in our country and region.



Alejandro Schinder
ISN Symposium Chair
San Past President



ISN Symposium “Deconstructing Adult Neurogenesis: From Neural Stem Cells to Neuronal Networks in Health and Disease”. From left to right: Alejandro Schinder (Argentina), Benedickt Berninger (Germany), Hongjun Song (USA), Guoli Ming (USA), Pierre Vanderhaegen (Belgium).