Dr. Alessandro Prinetti, Ph. D.
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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 XXX Congress of the Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience, which took place in Mar del Plata, Argentina, October 1-3. The Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience has been organizing its Annual Meeting for 30 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 “State-of-the-art methods in Neuroscience Research” also supported by ISN.

The symposium supported by ISN this year was “Regulation of neuronal ion channels by G protein coupled receptors”. 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:
Jesica Raingo (Chair). Multidisciplinary Institute of Cell Biology (IMBICE), CONICET, La Plata BA1900, Argentina.
“New regulation of neuronal calcium channels by G protein coupled receptors constitutive activity.”

Diane Lipscombe. Department of Neuroscience, Brown University, Providence RI, USA.
”Neuronal calcium channels: From one to thousands” “Analysis of neural stem cells in the adult mammalian brain, one cell at a time”

Bertil Hille. Department of Physiology & Biophysics, Washington University, Seattle, WA, USA.
“Receptors coupled to Gq modulate ion channels by lipid signaling”

Mark Shapiro. Department of Physiology, University of Texas Health Science Center
Neuroscience Program, San Antonio, TX, USA.
“Mechanisms of regulation of neuronal ion channels: organization into signaling microdomains”.

The XXX Congress of the Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience (more than 400 attendees) had a very intensive schedule including two plenary lectures, six symposia, two young investigator symposium, two simultaneous short talk sessions for graduate students, and several poster sessions. 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.

All poster first authors were awarded with travel fellowships provided by the Organizing Committee of the Meeting. The participants came from all over Argentina (mainly Capital Federal, Bahía Blanca, Córdoba, La Plata, Mendoza, Quilmes, Rosario, San Luis and Tucumán) and Latin America (Uruguay, Colombia, Brasil and Chile).

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:
Management (Silvina Ceriani) AR$ 7,700,00
Secretariat Assistant (Pablo Bramajo) AR$ 5,000,00
Lodging for speakers (Hotel 15 de Mayo) AR$ 9,500,00
Banners design and printing (On trip) AR$ 3,000,00
Catering for speakers AR$ 13,000,00
Catering for speakers (Hotel 13 de Julio - venue) AR$ 13,000,00
Total in Pesos AR$ 51,200,00
Total in Dollars US$ 5,505,38
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.

Arturo Romano
President
Sociedad Argentina de Investigación en Neurociencias (SAN)