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We are reporting here the results of the ISN Small Conference “**The role of glial cells in health and disease of the Nervous System: Clinical and Basic Science walking together**”. The small conference was held from October 19 to 21 in the Polo Científico y Tecnológico (Ministry of Science Technology and Productive Innovation, Buenos Aires, Argentina). The talks were held in the Polo Científico, specifically at the Centro Cultural de las Ciencias main Auditorium ([http://ccciencia.gob.ar/el\\_centro\\_auditorio.html](http://ccciencia.gob.ar/el_centro_auditorio.html)) and poster presentations were on the Hall of the same building. In the attached program of the ISN small conference you will find the details of the talks and the speakers. There is also a Facebook page that we used to promote the small conference and to include pictures and comments about the meeting: <fb.me/Gliasurnetwork>

The speakers in the first day were Monica Carson (USA), Bruce Ransom (USA), Flavia Gomes (Brazil) , Luis Barbeito (Uruguay), Felipe Court (Chile), Pablo Paez (USA), Cecilia Hedin Pereira (Brazil). On the second day the speakers were Timothy Kennedy (Canada), Babette Fuss (USA), Felipe Barros (Chile), Jorge Correale (Argentina), Andres Villa (Argentina), Laura Morelli (Argentina), Fernando Pitossi (Argentina). On the final day, the speakers were from Argentina and Uruguay: Javier Ramos, Hugo Peluffo, Patricia Cassina, Lorena Rela, Florencia Labombarda, Analia Reines, Silvia Olivera-Bravo and Pablo Lopez.

There were also two round tables, the first devoted to the future of the glia field in South America. This round table was presided by Vivaldo Moura Neto (Brazil) and Bruce Ransom (USA) with participation of Jorge Correale (Argentina, Clinician Neurologist) and basic research scientists Fernando Pitossi (Argentina Neurodegenerative disorders) and Guillermo Gianbartolomei (Argentina Immunologist). The second round table was a discussion about the glia network in South America and how our laboratories could share ideas, equipment and expanding collaborations by meeting every two years in the region.

Students enthusiastically assisted to the talks and round tables. They presented their posters during two sessions of 1.5 h each and a third session of 1h on early Saturday morning. We had the amazing number of 72 presented posters and a total of 195 participants including PI and students. A very nice and exciting environment of intense scientific discussion was generated and enjoyed by all the participants. Also the clinician-basic neuroscience interaction was greatly appreciated by the participants.

To increase the level of scientific discussion on the poster session, Juana Pasquini decided to donate USD1000 for a Prof. Eduardo Soto prize that was awarded to the best poster presentation. The evaluation committee for the prize was formed by all the speakers that were not directly

involved as co-authors of the posters. The recipient was informed at the final round table and also published in the Facebook page.

Since we organized the Small Meeting without the assistance of a specific secretariat, graduate students of our own laboratories helped us to set up the registration, organizing the students' hotels, etc. In addition, the secretary of Court lab in Chile assisted us with the e-mails and other requested information.

The small conference activities were very successful and highly appreciated by the students. Both the students and the speakers enjoyed the scientific environment that was generated during these two days.

We attach to this e-mail a number of pictures showing the assistants in the venue, listening to talks or presenting the posters.

As commented briefly above, the number of assistants to the Small Meeting was 195 and there were 72 posters presented by students and postdocs. Full fellowships including travel by plane or ship and accommodations with breakfast were given to 20 students and postdocs (see details on the financial report), from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

Please contact me if you need further information. On behalf of the course organizers Jorge Correale (Argentina), Patricia Cassina (Uruguay), Javier Ramos (Argentina), Felipe Court (Chile) and I, we would like to thank you and the ISN support to this small conference that allowed us to have this unique opportunity for our students to interact and to discuss glial cell biology with top leaders in the field.

Sincerely

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

The total amount allocated to the ISN Small Conference was of u\$s 15,000.00 from ISN and Euros 3,500.00 from IBRO. The funds were mainly used for supporting fellowships and young postdoctoral fellows. We called for application doctoral and students specially from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay and different South American countries. We selected 20 students (5 of each country) and we paid their air tickets and allocation. U\$s 10,000.00

The rest of the funding was used to cover:

SPEAKER´S AIR TICKETS (WE COVERED PART OF IT) u\$s 3,000.00

COFFEE BREACKS AND POSTER BOARDS: u\$s 3,000.00

ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES OF SPEAKERS: u\$s 3,000.00

COSTOS ADMINISTRATIVOS (5%) u\$s 950.00.

## MEETING PHOTOS:



