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Dear Dr. Martins,

I am very grateful for the opportunity your Committee has provided me to attend the 5th Conference on Advances in Molecular Mechanism underlying Neurological Disorders, hosted in Bath, 23rd-26th June 2013. This was a joint meeting of the European Society for Neurochemistry and the British Biochemical Society and gathered more than a hundred neurochemists: among them were students, young scientists and experienced researchers. From poster sessions to plenary lectures, the attendees found an environment that fostered scientific debates and novel scientific contacts in the calm atmosphere surrounding the University of Bath.

I was very happy to receive feedbacks from scientists coming from different backgrounds and to further discuss my results with specialists in the field. Moreover, the broad scientific programme has provided a strong interaction between different fields in Neuroscience and I could learn substantial novel issues in the field of neurological disorders. Indeed, the sessions reported new findings on the mechanisms underlying Alzheimer's disease (AD), Parkinson disease (PD) and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) that may translate into potential therapies in the future. Nonetheless, a balanced dynamics between basic and translational neuroscience was very evident at the meeting and, of course, helped create an efficient programme.

In summary, I sincerely acknowledge the Committee for the support provided and further encourage you to maintain this helpful initiative held by ISN-CAEN.

Sincerely,



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