

Buenos Aires, November 15, 2013

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Dear Dr Cousin:

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 2-4. The Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience has been organizing its Annual Meetings for 28 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 Neurosciences among students and senior researchers. This year we had a 2-day Satellite Meeting on Neuroethology and Memory in homage to Dr Héctor Maldonado, an Argentine scientist who during his life he enormously contributed to the development of neuroscience in our region.

The Symposium supported by ISN was *Sensation, perception and neural representation of the environment: neurochemical transduction of odors.* It covered recent trends in the encoding and perception of olfaction. It was highly attended by all participants (more than 300) and had a very lively atmosphere, in particular by the amount of questions and discussions raised by students.

The program of the Symposium was:

Chairs: Alejandro Delorenzi, Fernando Locatelli (IFIByNE-CONICET, FCEN-UBA)

- Lorena Rela, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Buenos Aires "Glial networks and the wiring of olfactory circuits"
- Paul Szyszka, Zoology and Neurobiology Universitaet, Konstanz, Germany "Dealing with a turbulent odor world: Smelling fast and segregating objects"
- Brian Smith, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, USA "The role of distributed neural plasticity in recognition of natural floral odors"
 - Randolf Menzel, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

"Olfactory coding at the input and the output of the honeybee mushroom body"

The XXIX Congress of the Argentine Society for Research in Neuroscience (361 attendees) had a very intensive schedule including four plenary lectures, three symposia, one young investigator symposium (in their early stages of the career), two short talk sessions for graduate students, and several poster sessions (228 total presentations). Poster sessions were in fact an essential part of the meeting since they provided the scenario where students discussed their results with other students, investigators, and invited speakers.

Plenary Lectures were delivered by: Randolf Menzel, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany; Yadin Dudai, Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel; Lily Y. Jan, Univ. of California, San Francisco; Yuh Nung Jan, Univ. of California, San Francisco; Marcelo Rubinstein, INGEBI, Argentina.

Symposiums were the following: 1. Information Processing in Neural Circuits, Chairs: Emilio Kropff (Instituto Leloir, Buenos Aires), Antonia Marín-Burgin (IBIOBA-CONICET); 2. ISN Symposium Sensation, perception and neural representation of the environment: neurochemical transduction of odors Chairs: Alejandro Delorenzi, Fernando Locatelli (IFIByNE-CONICET, FCEN-UBA); 3. Axonal regeneration and remyelination: fact or fiction? Chair: Patricia Setton (Dept Quím. Biológica, FFyB-UBA, IQUIFIB-CONICET).

All poster first authors were awarded travel fellowships (total 157) 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 Buenos Aires, Bahía Blanca, Córdoba, La Plata, Mendoza, Quilmes, Rosario y Tucumán), Latin America (Uruguay, Méjico, Brasil y Chile) and some from USA, Israel, France and Italy.

We have acknowledged the support of 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.

Financial Report:

Amount awarded:	USD 6000
Amount received (80%) 5/7/2013	USD 4800

Expenditures:	(in Argentine Pesos)	USD
Printings	\$ 3.000,00	521,70
Panels	\$ 3.500,00	608,70
Management Fee	\$ 3.000,00	521,70
Accommodation for invited speakers	\$ 25.000,00	4.347,80

Total: \$34.500,00 6000

Exchange rate 1 USD = 5,75 AR pesos

Copy of invoices are attached. If you need the originals please let me know.

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.

Ana Belén Elgoyhen President SAN

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