



Report

The **ISN Advanced School on New Approaches on Glial Cell Research** took place in the Hotel Campus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain, on July 10-13, 2012

The school was part of the activities of the **Young Investigator Training Program (YITP)** of the **FENS Forum 2012** (Barcelona, July 14-18, 2012) and was organized in collaboration with the **Spanish Glial Network**.

The aim of the school was to enable graduate students and junior postdoctoral fellows to enhance their knowledge on the function of glial cells in health and disease. The program included faculty lectures on state-of-the-art methodological and conceptual approaches to study the role of glial cells in synaptic function, development and CNS disease. Students had the opportunity to present their research projects and discuss ideas with experts in the field.

The blog <http://isngliaschool2012.wordpress.com> was set up to post the school information, program and call for applications.

At the deadline 128 excellent applications had been received. The school organizing committee ranked students essentially on the basis of scientific merit. The final number of students attending the school was 38 (23 PhD candidates + 15 Post-docs). Students had 17 different nationalities and came from Europe, America and Asia-Pacific. All students had free accommodation and meals at the Hotel Campus. Additionally, twenty students received travel awards. All students had to present their work in a poster format. Additionally, eight students were selected for short oral presentations. See summary table below.

The composition of the ISN Advanced School Organizing Committee, the final program and list of lecturers and the student's abstracts can be found in the ***Program and Abstracts*** book attached.

We have to acknowledge the collaboration of the Spanish Glial Network in the organization of the Workshop Frontiers in Glial Research that took place during the last day of the school for which they obtained a grant from the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Science that greatly contributed to support student's living expenses and travel awards.

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Chair Organizing Committee ISN Advanced School Barcelona 2012

Ranking students attending the ISN Advanced School Barcelona 2012					
Name	Country of work	Nacionality	Age	Level	Gender
Haines* #	USA	Canada	33	Postdoc	M
Boda*	Italy	Italia	30	Postdoc	f
Tulpule	Germany	India	26	PhD student	f
Hernandez-Rabaza	Spain	Spain	32	Postdoc	M
Palumbo #	Argentina	Argentina	32	Postdoc	F
Almolda	Spain	Spain	30	Postdoc	f
Vishal	India	India	28	PhD student	m
Bender-Hoppe #	Brazil	Brazil	29	PhD student	F
Kazamerova*	Slovakia	Slovakia	26	PhD student	F
Jantas	Poland	Poland	35	Postdoc	f
Villareal* #	Argentina	Argentina	27	PhD student	M
Barrera	Spain	Mexico	33	Postdoc	f
Chaudhury #	USA	India	31	Postdoc	f
Stoica	USA	Romania	26	PhD student	f
Narasingappa #	Thailand	India	31	Postdoc	m
Bardou #	USA	France	28	Postdoc	f
Lopez Rodriguez	Spain	Spain	25	PhD student	F
Zaverucho do Valle* #	Brazil	Brazil	30	Postdoc	f
Sild*	Canada	Estonia	30	PhD student	F
Serrano Perez #	Spain	Spain	32	Postdoc	F
Miller #	USA	USA	30	Postdoc	f
Müller #	Denmark	Germany	29	PhD student	f
Raza #	Germany	Pakistan	33	PhD student	M
Rolando* #	Italy	Italy	29	PhD student	F
Koenning*	Australia	Germany	28	PhD student	M
Stephenson #	Australia	Australia	31	PhD student	F
Rigato	France	Italy	26	PhD student	F
Raineri Andersen #	Argentina	Argentina	27	PhD student	F
Prado	Spain	Spain	30	PhD student	f
Shi	USA	USA	27	PhD student	M
Castro #	Brazil	Brazil	29	PhD student	M
Kaczmarczyk #	Germany	Poland	29	Postdoc	m
Cutando Ruiz	Spain	Spain	26	PhD student	f
Astiz Cadenas #	Spain	Spain	29	Postdoc	f
Merceron Martinez #	Cuba	Cuba	28	PhD student	f
Ruiz Palermo	Spain	Spain	25	PhD student	F
Cassamassa	Italy	Italy	25	PhD student	f
Titus-Mitchell #	USA	USA	28	Phd student	F

* Students selected for oral presentation

Students awarded a travel grant