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1. Introduction

This report aims to provide information regarding the ISN-supported event **8**th **European Synapse Meeting** (ESM), held in Coimbra – Portugal, on 20-21 October 2022. We hereby provide details regarding the registration and registration fees, the programme, the invited, keynote and selected speakers, the meeting highlights, the participants, material distribution, social events, scholarships and awards, sponsorship, general budget, budget used for each speaker and how ISN funds were utilised, comments of attendants and presence on social media.

2. Basic information

Title of the meeting – 8th European Synapse Meeting

Dates – 20^{th} and 21^{st} of October 2022

Organizing Institutions



Instituto

de Medicina

Molecular

Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology, University of Coimbra (CNC-UC), Coimbra – Portugal

Molecular Medicine Institute, University of Lisbon (iMM-UL), Lisbon – Portugal.

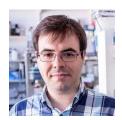
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Website

www.esm-Coimbra2022.cnc.uc.pt

Event App www.esm-coimbra2022.lineupr.com/8theuropean-synapse-meeting



Password – ESM2022Password Please see (*), page 11 of this report.

3. Registration

 Table I – Registration fees: A) Early-bird; B) Regular.

Α	A Early-bird – until 15 th July 2022		B Regular – from 15 th July 2022
	Students/Post-docs	180€	Students/Post-docs 230 €
	Academic	300€	Academic 350 €
	Industry	480€	Industry 550 €

4. Programme

October 20th 2022

08:30 09:30	Registration Opening session Luis Pereira de Almeida – President of CNC-Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology Ana Luísa Carvalho – Organizing Committee
09:45	Keynote Lecture 1: Gordon Fishell Havard Medical School, USA <i>The intimate dependence and remarkable precision of cortical interneuron-pyramidal cell connectivity</i> Chair: Carlos B Duarte
10:45	Coffee Break (sponsored by ICONEUS)
11:05	Company Techbites Zsolt Lenkei – INSERM, Paris, France Drug-induced dysconnectivity patterns in the awake mouse brain
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12:15 **Sabine Levi** – Fer à Moulin Institute, Sorbonne University, France Stabilization and elimination of synapses by the adenosine signaling pathway Short talks



12:45	Ayca Olcay – Polish Academy of Sciences, Poznań
	Analysis of synapse-enriched circular RNAs for loss-of-function studies in primary cortical neurons
13:00	Sébastien Delhaye – CNRS/Université Côte d'Azur, France
	Phosphodiesterase 2A is a Goldilocks protein involved in neurodevelopment
13:15	Lunch and Posters
16.00	
16:00	S2: Synaptic Function
	Chairs: Rodrigo Cunha & Uri Ashery
1 6 0 0	Invited speakers
16:00	Andrea Barberis – Italian Institute of Technology, Italy [online]
16.00	Short-range interaction between excitatory and inhibitory synapses in dendrites of hippocampal pyramidal neurons
16:30	Ira Milosevic – MIA Portugal, University of Coimbra <i>Coordination of synaptic vesicle acidification and trafficking by</i>
17.00	rabconnectin-3a
17:00	Olivier Thoumine – University of Bordeaux, France
	Role of the adhesion molecule neuroligin-1 in synapse differentiation: membrane dynamics, phosphotyrosine signalling,
1= 20	and regulation by cis-binders
17:30	Thomas Blanpied – University of Maryland School of Medicine, USA
	Subunit-specific NMDA receptor nanoarchitecture
10.00	Short talk
18:00	Domenico Azarnia Tehran – Leibniz- FMP, Berlin, Germany
	Selective Endocytosis of Ca2+-permeable AMPARs by the Alzheimer's Disease Risk Factor CALM Bidirectionally
	Controls Synaptic Plasticity
10.15	Company Techbites
18:15	Johny Pires – Field Applications Scientist EMEA, Axion BioSystems
10.20	Functional Analysis of Developing Neuronal Networks in a dish with Next Generation MEA
18:20	Laura Machado – Sales Representative Portugal, ZEISS Research Microscopy Solutions
	ZEISS Microscopy – Your Partner in cutting-edge microscopy

18:25 Posters + Wine and Cheese

October 21st 2022

09:00	S3: Neuronal-Glia Interactions
	Chair: Ana Sebastião
00.00	Invited speakers
09:00	Klaus-Armin Nave – Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Göttingen, Germany
	Novel functions of oligodendrocytes in the neuronal circuitry
09:30	Nathalie Rouach – Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche en Biologie, Collège de France
	Astrocytes : guardians of critical period plasticity of the visual cortex
	Short talks
10:00	Ana Beltran Arranz – King's College London, UK
	Glia-to-interneuron conversion in the postnatal mouse cortex
10:15	Maria Joana Pinto – Institut de Biologie de l'École Normale Supérieure (IBENS), Paris, France
	Microglial TNFa orchestrates phosphorylation of synaptic proteins and controls homeostatic sleep
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10:50	Coffee Break
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11:30	Keynote Lecture 2: Reinhard Jahn [online]
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14:30	S4: Synaptic Circuits and Brain Function Chair: Christophe Mulle & João Peça
	Invited speakers
14:30	Camilla Bellone – University of Genève, Switzerland
	The synaptic basis of social approach and avoidance behaviour
15:00	Rosa Cossart – Institute of Mediterranean Neurobiology, France
	From the synapse to the network: is the CA1 GABAergic synapse really inhibitory?
15.20	Short talks
15:30	Nicolas Morgenstern – Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal
15:45	<i>Pyramidal tract neurons amplify excitation to the striatum through cholinergic interneurons</i> Rafael Almeida – Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh, UK
15.45	Non-synaptic axonal neurotransmission regulates myelinated circuit formation in vivo
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16:00	Coffee Break
16.05	Decomposition I Consister for Neuron housister
16:25	Presentation International Society for Neurochemistry
16:30	S5: Synaptopathies (Supported by ISN)
	Chairs: Ana Luisa Carvalho & Àlex Bayés
	Invited speakers
16:30	Eleonora Palma – University of Roma La Sapienza, Italy
	Looking for an altered synaptic function in epilepsy
17:00	Laurent Groc – Interdisciplinary Institute for Neuroscience, University of Bordeaux, France
15.00	Dysfunction of NMDA receptor trafficking in neuropsychiatric disorders
17:30	Peter Kind – University of Edinburgh, UK
	Cognitive and Behavioural Phenotypes in a rat model of SYNGAP1 Haploinsufficiency
18:00	Short talks Ludovic Tricoire – Sorbonne Université, Paris, France
18:00	GRID1/GluD1 homozygous variants linked to intellectual disability and spastic paraplegia impair Glu1/5 receptor
	signaling and excitatory synapses
18:15	Ângela S. Inácio – Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology, University of Coimbra, Portugal
10.12	Aberrant hippocampal transmission and behavior in mice with a stargazin mutation linked to intellectual disability
18:30	Closure
	Claudia Cavadas – Vice-Rector for Research, University of Coimbra
	Best Communication Awards:
	2 Best Posters (sponsored by Axion BioSystems)
	Best Short Talk (supported by ISN)

19:30 Speakers' dinner

5. Speakers

4.1 Keynote Speakers



Gordon Fishell Harvard Medical School, USA

The intimate dependence and remarkable precision of cortical interneuron-pyramidal cell connectivity



Reinhard Jahn Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany *Novel functions of oligodendrocytes in the neuronal circuitry*



4.2 Invited Speakers



Andrea Barberis Italian Institute of Technology, Italy Short-range interaction between excitatory and inhibitory synapses in dendrites of hippocampal pyramidal neurons



Beatriz Rico King's College London, United Kingdom *Mechanisms orchestrating the assembly of interneuron-pyramidal cell network*



Britta Eickholt Charité Berlin, Germany *Coordination of synaptic (stress) signaling and actin filament dynamics*



Camilla Bellone University of Genève, Switzerland *The synaptic basis of social approach and avoidance behaviour*



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Sabine Lévi Fer à Moulin Institute, Sorbonne University, France *Stabilization and elimination of synapses by the adenosine signaling pathway*



Thomas Blanpied University of Maryland School of Medicine, USA *Subunit-specific NMDA receptor nanoarchitecture*



4.3 Selected Short Talk speakers





King's College London, United Kingdom

Ana Beltran Arranz



Ângela S. Inácio

Centre for Neurocience and Cell Biology, University of Coimbra, Portugal Aberrant hippocampal transmission and behavior in mice with a stargazin mutation linked to intellectual disability

Glia-to-interneuron conversion in the postnatal mouse cortex



Ayça Olcay

Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poznań Analysis of Synapse-enriched Circular RNAs for Loss-of-Function Studies in Primary Cortical Neuron



Domenico Azarnia Tehran Leibniz-FMP, Berlin, Germany Selective Endocytosis of Ca2+-permeable AMPARs by the Alzheimer's Disease Risk Factor CALM Bidirectionally Controls Synaptic Plasticity



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Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal Pyramidal tract neurons amplify excitation to the striatum through cholinergic interneurons





Rafael Almeida

Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom Non-synaptic axonal neurotransmission regulates myelinated circuit formation in vivo



Sébastien Delhaye Institut de Pharmacologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire, CNRS/Université Côte d'Azur, France *Phosphodiesterase 2A is a Goldilocks protein involved in neurodevelopment*

6. The highlight of the meeting

The highlight of the meeting was the multiple opportunities for interaction, during the poster sessions, lunch time and coffee breaks, allowing for cross-disciplinary discussion and collaboration. This was much appreciated by everyone.

7. Participants

The 8th European Synapse Meeting counted with 167 participants from institutions in 17 countries and 3 continents.

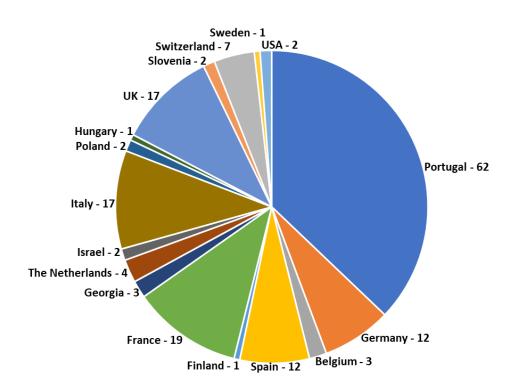


Figure 1. Country of the institutions of the 8th European Synapse Meeting participants.



Table II – List of of 8th European Synapse Meeting participants. (*)

Alejandra Torres
Alejandro Martín
Alessandra Folci
Alessandro Chioino
Àlex Bayés
Alex Fletcher-Jones
Alfonso Aguilera
Ana Beltran Arranz
Ana Castro
Ana Caulino
Ana Filipa Terceiro
Ana Luisa Carvalho
Ana Moreira de Sá
Ana Osorio Oliveira
Ana Sebastião
Ana Vieira
André Conceição
Andrea Barberis
Ângela S. Inácio
Anna Corradi
Anna Karpova
Anwesha Ghosh
Attila Köfalvi
Ayca Olcay
Bárbara Correia
Beatriz Ribeiro
Beatriz Rico
Beatriz Rodrigues
Blanca Lorente
Britta Eickholt
Busra Perihan Yucel
Camilla Bellone
Carlos Cação
Carlos Duarte
Cátia R. Lopes
Charlotte Kilstrup-Nielsen
Christophe Mulle
Clara Carmone
Cláudia Guimas Almeida
Claudia Lora
Corette Wierenga
Danaja Kuhanec

Daniela Pereira David Vandael Débora Serrenho Delia N Chiu Dimitra Ranti **Dimphna Meijer** Diogo Tomé Domenico Azarnia Tehran Dorota Hoffman Egor Dzyubenko Elena Ferrari Elena Taverna Eleonora Cuboni Eleonora Palma Elisa Corti Elizabeth Brockman Emília Duarte Erica Tagliatti Esperanza López Merino Ester Coutinho Marcos Fatima Rubio-Pastor **Filipe Duarte** Florian olde Heuvel **Frederick Thienpont** Gabriele Marcassa **Giampaolo Milior** Gianluca Masella Giuseppe Cammarata Gordon Fishell Ira Milosevic Isabella Barbiero János Brunner Jeannette Schmidt Joana Correia Joana Ferreira João Peça João Pedro Lopes Joel Pereira Pires Johny Pires Jorge Castanheira José Mateus

Julien Dupuis Kaja Belko Parkel Karolina Talandyte Katarzyna Grochowska Katrin Deinhardt Klaus-Armin Nave Laura Machado Laura Upton Laurent Groc Lia Carvalhais Loredana Cumpana Ludovic Tricoire Luis Jacinto Luís Ribeiro Luisa Cortes Luisa V. Lopes Maëla Paul Malka Cohen-Armon Manuela Rizzi Margarida Caldeira Margarida Falcão Maria Italia Maria Joana Pinto Mariana Barata Mariana Laranjo Mariana Martins Mariana Vargas Marina Rodrigues Marta Dias Matthijs Verhage **Michael Kreutz** Miranda Mele Mónica Santos Mzia Zhvania Nadezhda Japaridze Nathalie Rouach **Nicolas Morgenstern** Nicoletta Landsberger Nino Pochkhidze Nozha Borjini Nuno Beltrão

Olivier Thoumine Orsolva Antal Ottavia Maria Roggero Paola Bezzi Patricia Monteiro Patrick Laurent **Paulo Pinheiro** Peter Kind Rafael Almeida Rafael Fernandez Rahul Gupta Ramiro de Almeida **Raquel Domingues Raquel Rodrigues Reinhard Jahn** Roberta De Rosa Rodrigo A. Cunha **Rosa Cossart** Rui O. Costa Sabine Lévi Samira Ferreira Santiago López Sara Costa Silva Sara Tacconelli Sean Weaver Sébastien Delhaye Serena Baldin Serena Valastro Severine Sigoillot Sian Lewis Simo Ojanen Simone Astori Soumee Bhattacharya Stamatina Tzanoulinou Théo Baurberg **Thomas Blanpied** Uri Ashery Veronica Villeri Victor Briz Zaha Merlaud Zsolt Lenkei

(*) Under the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR) and Law No. 58/2019 of 8 August, the CNC-Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology is responsible for the handling of personal data. The collection of personal data had as a cause of lawfulness the informed consent of the data subjects. The purpose of the collection and processing of personal data is carried out for the purposes necessary for participation in the event. The data collected and processed are adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to this purpose. CNC and the partner entities, to whom personal data are communicated, guarantee that such data, regardless of their nature, are handled responsibly, only for the purpose described, through appropriate policies and measures in order to avoid access and misuse or possible intrusions, minimising risks and contributing to the security of the data. The personal data collected will be kept for the period of time strictly necessary for the purpose described. At any time, the interested party may contact CNC through the email address dpo_cnc@cnc.uc.pt to request information about the treatment of personal data or to exercise the legally established rights.

Julie Jezequel



8. Material distribution



Figure 2. Materials distributed upon registration: notebook, bag and lanyard.

9. Social events

Wine and cheese: this session consisted of local wine and cheese tasting, together with poster presentation.

10. Scholarships

48 scholarships were attributed to Young Researchers to attend the 8th European Synapse Meeting in the amount of 180€ for young researchers working in Portugal and 500€ for young researchers working abroad.

The scholarships for young researchers were supported/sponsored as follows:

ESN-European Society for Neurochemistry – 1 scholarship for young researchers working in Portugal (180€);

IBRO-International Brain Research Organization – 12 scholarships for young researchers working abroad (6000€) and 6 scholarships for young researchers working in Portugal (1080€).

SPN-Sociedade Portuguesa de Neurociências – 1 scholarship for young researchers working in Portugal (180€);

ISN-International Society for Neurochemistry – 11 scholarships for young researchers working abroad (5500€) and 16 scholarships for young researchers working in Portugal (2880€); **The Company of Biologists** – 1 scholarship for young researchers working abroad (500€);

Scholarships were attributed to the following Young Researchers:



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 Table III – Scholarships attributed to Young Researchers A) working in Portugal and B) working abroad.

11. Awards

Two Best Poster awards and one Best Short Talk award were attributed. The awards were sponsored/supported by:

ISN-International Society for Neurochemistry −1 Best Short Talk award (500€); **Axion** BioSystems− 2 Best Poster awards (600€).

Best Short Talk award and 2 Best Poster awards were attributed to:

Table IV - Best Po	ster and Best Short	Talk Awardees.
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Name	Award	Amount	
Cláudia Guimas Almeida	Best Poster	300€	
Nozha Borjini	Best Poster	300€	
Domenico Azarnia Tehran	Best Short Talk	500€	



12. Sponsorship





14. General budget

 Table V – Expenses incurred for the organization of the 8th European Synapse Meeting.

Expenses	Amount
Accommodation and travel expenses for invited speakers	10,569.74€
Conference room, digital support and transport of poster holders	5,310.80€
Office supplies	12.75€
UC lanyards and books (for awardees)	225.00€
Notebooks and bags	1,127.00€
Name badges and rollups, including neuron	697.16€
Meeting App	400.00€
Catering	11,652.50€
Speakers dinner	1,261.00€
Management	13,002.51€
TOTAL	44,258.46€

15. Detailed ISN budget - how the ISN funds were utilised

Table VI – Allocation of ISN funds.

Allocation of ISN funding	In USD	In EUR (approx.)
Accommodation, travel and registration for Invited Speakers (5x910 USD)	\$5,952.00	5,838.00€
Young ISN Neurochemistry Awards - Postdocs (8x183USD + 6x510 USD)	\$4,524.00	4,446.00€
Young ISN Neurochemistry Awards - PhD students (8x183USD + 5x510 USD)	\$4,014.00	3,945.10€
Young ISN Neurochemistry Awards - Prize for best oral communication (510 USD)	\$510.00	502.00€
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	14,731.10€
Minimum for young researchers' awards	\$9,000.00	8,838.66€
Amount used for young researchers' awards	\$9,048.00	8,893.10€

16. Budget used for each speaker

All Invited and Keynote Speakers were subsidized for their travel and accommodation in the amount of 10,569.74 €.



Speaker	Amount spent
Andrea Barberis	476.48€
Beatriz Rico	435.13€
Britta Eickholt	773.00€
Camilla Bellone	632.56€
Gordon Fishell	883.00€
Ira Milosevic	0€
Klaus-Armin Nave	1,185.00€
Laurent Groc	1,008.66€
Nathalie Rouach	383.00€
Olivier Thoumine	438.62€
Paola Bezzi	300.76 €
Peter Kind	1,032.40€
Reinhard Jahn	935.00€
Rosa Cossart	430.95 €
Sabine Lévi	525.18€
Thomas Blanpied	1,130.00€

 Table VII – Amount spent for each Invited and Keynote Speaker for travel and accommodation

17. Presentation of ISN slides

The provided ISN slides were presented during the 8th European Synapse Meeting to inform the audience of ISN and of the benefits of ISN membership.



Figure 3. ISN slides being presented to inform the audience on ISN and on the benefits of ISN membership.



18. Social Media before and after the event

Information regarding the 8th European Synapse Meeting was posted on social media and shared on ISN channels before the event took place. Concluding statements with pictures on the success of the ISN supported event were posted on social media and shared on the ISN channels after the event took place.

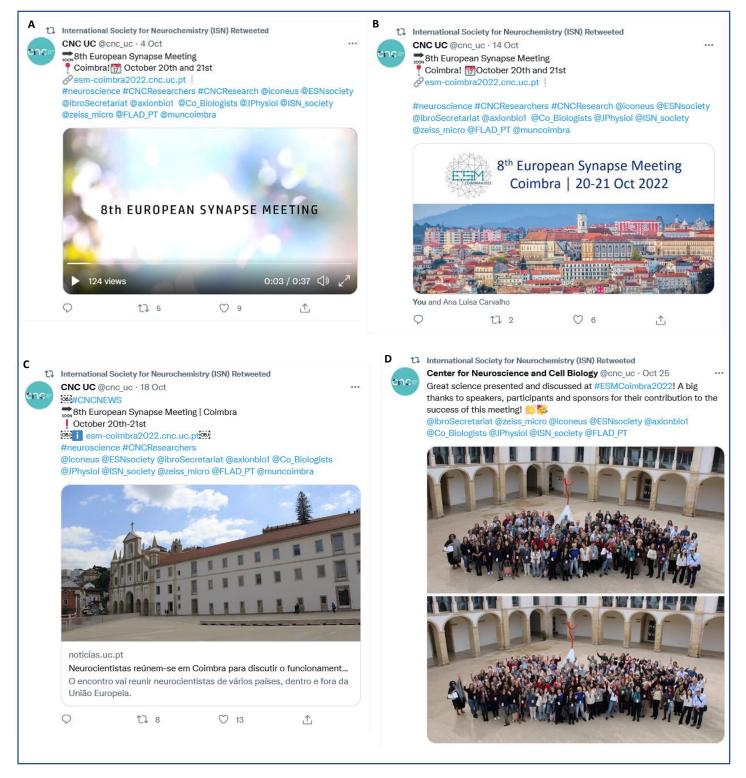


Figure 4. Post shared on ISN social media. A. 8th European Synapse Meeting advertisement Spot; B. 8th European Synapse Meeting advertisement image; C. News article about 8th European Synapse Meeting; D. Concluding statement with pictures on the success of the 8th European Synapse Meeting.



19. Photos

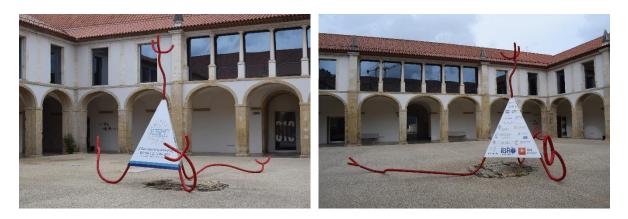


Figure 5. 8th European Synapse meeting *neuron banner*, with logos of sponsors.



Figure 6. A. ISN rollup. B. 8th European Synapse Meeting rollup, highlighting ISN logo.



Figure 7. 8th European Synapse Meeting participants during poster session.





Figure 8. Oral presentations during the 8th European Synapse Meeting.



Figure 9. A. Attribution of Best Selected Short Talk Award, supported by ISN. B. Group photo.

20. Comments about the meeting

It was the first time I attended a European Synapse Meeting, and greatly enjoyed the high quality of the talks and posters, with a thoughtfully organised programme that left enough time to network with other participants and relax during the breaks. The atmosphere was very pleasant, and I would be looking forward to attend future meetings!

Loredana Cumpana, EPFL, Switzerland

Speakers were chosen in a broad range of topics, all interesting for this meeting. The selected shorts talks were all very interesting and a good opportunity for younger scientists to present their work. The mobile app was really useful and well organized. It allowed to search for the schedule, the posters, the abstracts and the presenter's information. It is an amazing tool for networking and environmentally friendly.

Mariana Barata, NOVA, Portugal



The talks at ESM Coimbra were excellent and covered a broad spectrum of synapse biology, encompassing different models, multiple developmental stages, brain regions, pathologies and methodological approaches. This was very useful to gain an up to date understanding of various areas related to synapses, which I greatly appreciated. Importantly, there was a good mix of internationally renowned exceptional keynote speakers that have been seminal in our understanding of synapse biology and neurobiology (e.g. Fishell, Jahn, Nave) as well as early career researchers in the shorter talks, which was particularly inspiring. The moderate number of participants and posters made this meeting an excellent opportunity for networking, which has been helped by the time reserved in the schedule for coffee breaks, lunch breaks and poster sessions. The venue was beautiful and logistically completely well prepared to host the meeting. The welcoming at registration and technical management of the slide presentations all went very smoothly, and I thoroughly enjoyed attending and presenting at the meeting. I look forward to the next ESM!

Rafael Almeida, UEDIN, UK