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| NAME | | Martina Mazzocchi | | |
| TWITTER HANDLE\* *optional* | |  | | |
| UNIVERSITY | | University College Cork | | |
| NAME OF AWARD | | Symington Bequest Fund | | |
| PURPOSE OF AWARD *conference/event attended/organised (full name) with city and dates.* | | | | |
| FENS forum Vienna 25-29 June 2024 | | | | |
| REPORT: What were your anticipated benefits?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| Attending FENS 2024 offers a multitude of anticipated benefits that are crucial for my professional and academic growth. The conference provides opportunity to expand my knowledge by exposing me to the latest research and advancements in neuroscience, covering a wide array of topics from cellular mechanisms to cognitive processes. This exposure will deepen my understanding and inspire new ideas in my own research.  Networking with leading experts, researchers, and peers from around the world will be a significant advantage, fundamental for future collaborations and professional relationships that can enhance my career. Presenting my research at such a prestigious international conference will allow me to receive insightful feedback from a diverse audience, helping to refine and improve my work.  The increased visibility and recognition within the neuroscience community that comes with attending and presenting at FENS 2024 can lead to new career opportunities and colla borations. Overall, the conference promises to be a source of inspiration and innovation, exposing me to diverse perspectives and novel ideas that can drive my research in new and exciting directions. | | | | |
| COMMENTS: Describe your experience at the conference / lab visit / course / seminar/ event.  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| The conference has fully met all my anticipated benefits, providing a rich and rewarding experience. It has given me the opportunity to interact with some of the leading neuroscience scientist, offering invaluable insights and knowledge exchange. The networking opportunities afforded by the conference are likely to significantly influence my future career decisions and foster collaborations that will not only benefit me personally but also enhance the research capabilities and output of our entire lab. Engaging with such a diverse and distinguished group of professionals has expanded my professional network and opened doors to potential partnerships and collaborative projects. | | | | |
| REPORT: In relation to skills, what were the most important things you gained? *(does not apply to equipment grant.* For public engagement/outreach awards what did your audience gain and how did you evaluate success?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| The conference introduced me to new cutting edge techniques that I can apply to my future research. Additionally, I had the opportunity to present my work to a broad international audience, which will enhance the visibility and impact of our entire lab. | | | | |
| REPORT: How do you think you will put this learning experience into practice in the future? For public engagement/outreach awards how with the materials/knowledge generated by this activity be used in the future?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| This experience has significantly enhanced my networking and presenting skills, making me more competitive for selection as an oral presenter at future conferences. The most important aspect, however, is that as our lab continues to grow, I can utilize my improved expertise to mentor and train new postgraduate students in effective presentation preparation. This will not only elevate the quality of our lab's presentations but also contribute to the professional development of our team members. | | | | |
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| SIGNATURE | Martina Mazzocchi | | DATE | 02.07.24 |

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